

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141  
Revised August 8, 2011

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

## Release Notification and Corrective Action

### OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	Linn Operating Inc.	Contact	E.L. Gonzales
Address	2130 W Bender Blvd Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No.	575-738-1739
Facility Name	MGU Battery (Flare Stack) closest well is MGU #87	Facility Type	Battery

Surface Owner	Private	Mineral Owner		API No. closest well	30-025-33208
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### LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
F	04	17S	32E	2623	North	1571	West	Lea

Latitude 32.8636742 Longitude -103.7750244

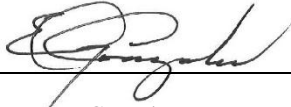

### NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Oil	Volume of Release	30 bbls	Volume Recovered	25 bbls
Source of Release	Heater	Date and Hour of Occurrence	12/30/2015	Date and Hour of Discovery	8:00am 12/30/2015
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?			
By Whom?	Date and Hour				
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.			
If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*		<div><b>RECEIVED</b> By Kellie Jones at 8:20 am, Jan 07, 2016</div>			

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\* Upon arrival to the MGU battery I noticed my production heater at the battery was passing oil through the gas lines. I traced the lines and found a release at my flare stack. Somehow the production heater had pressured up and the relief valve never bypassed to allow the pressure to escape. The relief valve appeared to have frozen over the past several days with the cold weather that has passed through the area. Due to this, the pressure that had built inside the heater passed through the flare stack and released oil in to the area.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* The area that the oil released from spilt into the flare stack fire walls and into the pasture as well. The flare stack and firewall are located just west of the battery where the production heater sits about 25ft. The area in which we have oil on the ground is inside of the firewall and oil that ran south out of the fire wall and out into the pasture going about 20ft to the south until stopping next to the lease road. The widest point of the spill is 15ft going southeast of the battery and flare stack fire wall. The total amount of oil lost is roughly 30bbls with 25bbl being recovered from inside the firewall and another 5bbls that ran out of the firewall.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature: 	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>		
Printed Name: E.L. Gonzales	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 		
Title: Production Supervisor	Approval Date: 01/07/2016	Expiration Date: 03/07/2016	
E-mail Address: elgonzales@linenergy.com	Conditions of Approval: Site samples required. Delineate and remediate as per MNOCD guides. Geotag photographs of remediation recommended.		Attached <input type="checkbox"/> 1RP-4082
Date: 01/04/2016	Phone: 505-504-8002		

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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pKJ1600730391



**LINN OPERATING, INC.**

**MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT**

(505)392-9797 TANK BATTERY NO. 2

1980'FSL 1980'FEL

S-4 T-17S R-32E

LEA CO., NM NM-0315712

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: 877-427-1271**





**DANGER**  
**CONFINED**  
**SPACE**  
ENTRY BY PERMIT ONLY





