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State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	BTA Oil Producers LLC	Contact	Pam Inskeep
Address	104 S. Pecos, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	(432) 682-3753
Facility Name	8016 JV-P Maddox Federal B #2 Battery 30-025-30128 32.342252, -103.44326	Facility Type	Tank Battery

Surface Owner	USA	Mineral Owner		Lease No.	NMNM23768
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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
N (batt)	35	22S	34E	330	South	2550	West	Lea

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Minor	Volume of Release	235 BO burned	Volume Recovered	0 BO
Source of Release	lightning strike	Date and Hour of Occurrence	early morning 06/09/2016	Date and Hour of Discovery	9 pm 06/09/2016
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Jamie Keyes – NMOCD Carlsbad BLM, Tye Bryson		
By Whom?	Pam Inskeep	Date and Hour	9:30 a.m. CDT, 06/10/2016		
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.*

N/A



Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

At approximately 9 pm. Thurs June 9, 2016, a third party nearby to the tank battery observed a lightning strike and resulting fire. Third party notified emergency services then called a BTA field supervisor who immediately contacted two other BTA personnel and a contract pumper. BTA personnel immediately headed to the battery. The Eunice Fire Dept already had the fire extinguished. The well was shut in with both master valves. Three oil tanks were burned and destroyed. One fiberglass water tank was melted and collapsed. Minimal fluid was released, as all oil was burned (235 bbls) and the water (36 bbls) either evaporated or stayed in the bottom portion of the tank that did not collapse. All debris remained within the berm and on the battery. An estimated 39'x225' of pasture on the south side of the battery was burned/scorched. Any fluid possible to recover will be removed to an approved disposal. Debris will be removed to acceptable/approved disposal. The tank battery will be rebuilt at the well location in Unit E, Sec 35, T22S-R34E.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

See above explanation

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: 	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION		
Printed Name: Pam Inskeep	Environmental Specialist: 		
Title: Regulatory Administrator	Approved by District Supervisor:	Approval Date: 06/24/2016	Expiration Date: 08/24/2016
Date: 06/13/2016 Phone: (432) 682-3753	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/> IRP 4317

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Discrete samples only.
Delineate and remediate per NMOCD guidelines.
Ensure BLM concurrence/approval.

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