

From: Yu, Olivia, EMNRD
To: "Steven D Ruppert"; Yolanda Jimenez
Subject: RE: 1RP: 5173 Ruppert C-141 Release Report Silver Fed#4
Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 7:18:00 AM

Good morning Mr. Ruppert:

All previously submitted photos and email communications have been provided to Ms. Jimenez. If you have other photographic evidence, related to 1RP-5173, that the pasture surrounding the tank battery was not affected, please provide.

Thanks,
Olivia

From: Steven D Ruppert <rupperts@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 3:24 PM
To: Yolanda Jimenez <yjimenez@blm.gov>; Yu, Olivia, EMNRD <Olivia.Yu@state.nm.us>
Cc: Steven D Ruppert <rupperts@msn.com>
Subject: 1RP: 5173 Ruppert C-141 Release Report Silver Fed#4

Hello from Steve! I am usually in cell coverage during your working hours at the BLM: (505) 401-6319 Please call when it is convenient. Yolanda, when you say you want to be involved in a future correspondence, does that mean Olivia Yu has already sent you what I have sent her? I can certainly send you the same information, but I don't want to just stuff your mailbox if you already have access to the images in the emails.

I now realize that I am late in getting this information to you, but I have been dealing with the problem daily and there was no spill. The fiberglass storage tank for the brine that is waiting to be injected into the disposal well, was struck by lightning during a night storm. The top of the tank was blown off and thrown a distance. The strike appears to have twisted the body of the tank and it opened up the seam at the bottom.

I do not really know how much was contained in the tank at the time, but it is regulated to just hold so much in height before the pump is activated to put it down the well. There are several photos that show the location when my pumper found what happened at the site. He arrived with an inspector with the NMOCD to perform a Bradenhead Test on the injection well and found the disposal fluid out of the tank and inside the lined containment pit. He called for a vacuum truck to dispose of the liquids, but I have not received the bill at this time. Today I was trying to get the new tank, which has been delivered, hooked back up. Additionally, I have been talking to the roustabout outfit about picking up the pea gravel that was in the disposal pit moved across the county road to the Lazy Ace Dirt Farm. We brought in (6) yards of new pea gravel and we have about that much to dispose of.

A series of photos of the Silver Federal #4 are available if you are interested. Best Regards, SR

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On Aug 27, 2018, at 8:57 AM, Yolanda Jimenez <yjimenez@blm.gov> wrote:

Hello, Mr. Steve. You all had a release at an SWD. I will call you soon. You will need to direct all future emails and correspondences to me. I will also need for you to provide the right of way number for the Steve Ruppert SWD. Thanks.

Regards,

Yolanda

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Yu, Olivia, EMNRD** <Olivia.Yu@state.nm.us>
Date: Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 9:39 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Ruppert C-141 Release Report Silver Fed#4
To: Yolanda Jimenez <yjimenez@blm.gov>
Cc: Shelly Tucker <stucker@blm.gov>

Good morning Yolanda:

This release is from a SWD. Is this under your responsibility?

Thanks,
Olivia

From: Yu, Olivia, EMNRD
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 9:35 AM
To: 'Steven D Ruppert' <rupperts@msn.com>
Cc: 'Shelly Tucker' <stucker@blm.gov>
Subject: RE: Ruppert C-141 Release Report Silver Fed#4

Dear Mr. Ruppert:

NMOCD databases indicate Federal surface and minerals ownership. Please remember to include BLM in all communications and submittals.

The 1RP for this incident is

5173	8/24/2018	A	Steven Ruppert	Silver Federal #4	30-025-02476	20S-34E-28O	7/31/2018
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Please remember to include this 1RP identifier to all communications. Revised NMAC 19.15.29 was effective on August 14, 2018. Site characterization and remediate per regulation. If indeed, this release was entirely in a lined containment, abide by the pertinent sections.

Thanks,

Olivia Yu
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OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

-----Original Message-----

From: Steven D Ruppert <rupperts@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 2:43 PM
To: Yu, Olivia, EMNRD <Olivia.Yu@state.nm.us>
Cc: Steven D Ruppert <rupperts@msn.com>
Subject: Ruppert C-141 Release Report Silver Fed#4

Hello from Steve! I went back to what was saved from the Doc download and I think that it is now saved in a PDF file and attached. Best Regards, SR

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From: [Steven D Ruppert](#)
To: [Yu, Olivia, EMNRD](#); [Yolanda Jimenez](#)
Subject: 1RP 5173 Ruppert Silver Fed#4
Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 5:30:30 PM
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Hello from Steve! The last time I was at the Silver Lease I took this picture of the new tank delivery, which shows a bit more of the location from a different location. The circular thing is a flow line draped over a fence next to the well head. The well head is in a separate containment pit that is not lined. I didn't think to take pictures all around, but I did get a small video of my dog trying to find the quail that were chirping from the bushes. I will send that next. Best, SR













Notes: Looking to the SW. The grass is so tall that the blackish droppings and the very faded and light brown soil by a copal tree are visible although it is a well under the trees of the range.



From: John S Ruppert [mailto:jruppert@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2010 6:28 PM
To: Y. Y. Chou; 159897@china.bellsouth.net; yao.y.chou

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From: [Steve Ruppert](#)
To: [Yu, Olesia, EMV650; Yolanda Jimenez](#)
Subject: [EXT] 18P- 5173 Final C-141 Reportable Release
Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 1:22:37 PM

Hello from Steve! This photo was sent to me by my pumper, Danny Berry, on the morning of July 31, 2018. After notifying the NMOCD by phone regarding this incident, Danny called Maclasley Oilfield Service and one of their vacuum trucks hauled 70 barrels of production water to a disposal facility. As the photo indicates, the released production water held in the fiberglass tank was contained in a lined pit. The pit liner kept the spill from spreading beyond the berm.



