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**Cc:** [stucker@blm.gov](mailto:stucker@blm.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Elliot B Federal Tank Battery Spill 10-29-2018 C-141  
**Date:** Thursday, November 8, 2018 10:19:00 AM  
**Attachments:** image001.png  
1RP5262\_Elliott B Federal Tank Battery C-141.pdf

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Good morning Mr. Johnston:

Thank you for the photo documentation. Please provide the dimensions of the bermed area and depth of infiltration of the release, so that an estimate of the impacted area can be calculated.

Please be advised that

1. The GPS coordinates provided must be of the release point. Unless the release was from the wellhead (e.g., stuffing box), please do not use the wellhead latitude and longitude units.
2. Per 19.15.29.13 NMAC, regulations of corresponding agencies supersede NMOCD's.

The 1RP for this incident is

<b>5262</b>	11/7/2018	A	Vanguard	Elliott B Federal 6 & 8 battery	30-025-10333	22S-37E-17A	10/29/2018
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Please remember to include this 1RP identifier to all communications. Delineate and remediate per regulation. Mind the timelines for submittal of requisite information.

Please be advised that NMOCD recommends a completed site characterization/delineation report be reviewed or approved by NMOCD BEFORE any significant remediation work towards closure.

Thanks,

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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.

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**From:** Chuck Johnston <cjohnston@vnrenergy.com>  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Elliot B Federal Tank Battery Spill 10-29-2018 C-141

Please find attached the C-141 for the Elliot B Federal Battery. I have also attached pictures of the spill and the vacuum truck ticket for oil he removed from the containment and placed back into the oil tank.

TRC will begin sampling the inside of the berm.

Thanks,

**Chuck Johnston**  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Elliot B Federal #6 Spill API # 30-025-10333  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 3:16:28 PM  
**Attachments:** image002.png

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Please consider this notice of a release we had reported 10-29-2018. A rubber seal on a Victaulic coupling, plumbed into the circulating pump, failed spilling an estimated 82 bbls of oil inside of the battery containment. A vacuum truck removed 80 bbls of oil and placed back into the tank. I am currently waiting on a copy of the ticket to provide. The couplings and one ell was replaced and the pump was back in service. I will be scheduling one of our vendors to begin sampling.

Thanks,

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COMPANY: Vanguard LEASE: Elliott to Fed #006 W/T 121173  
ADDRESS TO MAIL INVOICE: Ground P.O. #  
JOB DESCRIPTION: Pick up Spill 80 BBLS SALESMAN  
With 2" hose with screen pick up fluids DATE 10/28/18  
and put it on back on tank at same WELL  
Location

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