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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

Form C-141  
Revised April 3, 2017

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

### Release Notification and Corrective Action

#### OPERATOR

X Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	Vanguard Operating, LLC	Contact	Chuck Johnston
Address	4001 Penbrooke Ste 201 Odessa, TX 79762	Telephone No.	432-202-4771
Facility Name	W. H. Turner Tank Battery (on #3 pad)	Facility Type	Tank Battery
Surface Owner	Fee	Mineral Owner	Private
		API No.	30-025-37161

#### LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
K	29	21S	37E	2310	South	2270	West	Lea

Latitude 32.4489708 Longitude -103.1862488 NAD83

#### NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Oil and Produced Water	Volume of Release	130	Volume Recovered	130 bbls
Source of Release	Tank Battery ran over	Date and Hour of Occurrence	5-10-2018	Date and Hour of Discovery	5-10-2018 8:00 am.
Was Immediate Notice Given?	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Maxi Brown - left voice mail 5-10-2018 4:15 pm		
By Whom?	John Terry	Date and Hour	5/10/2018	am	
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.			

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

**RECEIVED**

By Olivia Yu at 9:00 am, May 21, 2018



Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

Water transfer pump malfunctioned and alarms failed allowing the tanks to run over inside of a lined containment. Vacuum trucks removed the standing fluid and placed back into the tanks.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Fluid spilled into the lined containment. A vacuum truck removed the standing fluid. The liner and equipment will be pressure washed and a vacuum truck will removed the fluid for disposal.

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: 	<u>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</u>	
Printed Name: Chuck Johnston	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Title: EHS Specialist	Approval Date: 5/21/2018	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: cjohnston@vnreneregy.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 5-14-2018 Phone: 432-202-4771	Please inspect liner in question. Provide NMOCD with a concise report of the inspection with affirmation the liner has and will continue to contain liquids.	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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**From:** [Yu, Olivia, EMNRD](#)  
**To:** ["Chuck Johnston"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: C-141 WH Turner Battery Spill  
**Date:** Monday, May 21, 2018 9:21:00 AM  
**Attachments:** image001.png  
reviewed\_Vanguard\_WH Turner C-141 5-10-2018.pdf

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Good morning Mr. Johnston:

Thank you for your prompt addressal of the root cause. Please be advised that aerial imagery from November 2017 indicates that the liner may not be fully covering the facility. Please check and verify with photo documentation.

Please inspect the liner in question. It is NMOCD's understanding that all impacted material in the containment has been removed and the liner inspected for integrity. Provide NMOCD with a concise report of the inspection with affirmation the liner has and will continue to contain liquids. Pictures and a record of the removal of contaminated fill or proper disposal of liquids are strongly encouraged to accompany submission of initial C-141s.

Thanks,

Olivia Yu  
Environmental Specialist  
NMOCD, District I  
[Olivia.yu@state.nm.us](mailto:Olivia.yu@state.nm.us)  
575-393-6161 x113

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>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2018 3:38 PM  
**To:** Yu, Olivia, EMNRD <Olivia.Yu@state.nm.us>  
**Subject:** C-141 WH Turner Battery Spill

Olivia, please find attached a C-141 for the WH Turner Battery spill that occurred on 5-10-2018. This is the same battery and same issue that we had last December. The water injection pump failed and went into reset mode and the alarms did not call out. The vendor checked the alarms and found it to be in standby mode (these are new alarms). The tanks filled and ran over into a lined containment. A vacuum truck removed 120 bbls of produced water and 10 bbls of oil from the containment and placed back into the tanks. The pump was reset and began pumping the water. We are meeting with the vendor tomorrow to determine the cause of the pump and alarm failures

as well as adding kills on the wells and additional storage capacity if necessary.

Thanks Olivia,

***Chuck Johnston***

***EHS / Operations Specialist***

***432-202-4771 Cell***

***432-248-8154 Office***

