

June 8, 2023

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Remediation Work Plan Mesa 8105-JV-P 004H Incident Number nOY1831160155 Lea County, New Mexico

To Whom It May Concern:

Ensolum, LLC (Ensolum), on behalf of BTA Oil Producers, LLC (BTA), has prepared the following *Remediation Work Plan* (*Work Plan*) for the October 23, 2018, crude oil and produced water release at the Mesa 8105-JV-P 004H (Site). The following *Work Plan* proposes to complete Site assessment and delineation activities to assess for the presence or absence of impacts to soil resulting from the historical release at the Site.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND RELEASE SUMMARY

The Site is located in Unit C, Section 11, Township 26 South, Range 32 East, in Lea County, New Mexico (32.065054°, -103.64362°) and is associated with oil and gas exploration and production operations on Federal Land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

On October 23, 2018, a water transfer line was cut in half during pipeline construction operations and resulted in the release of approximately 60 barrels (bbls) of produced water and 15 bbls of crude oil into the surrounding pasture area. A vacuum truck was dispatched to the Site to recover free-standing fluids; approximately 50 bbls of produced water and 8 bbls of crude oil were recovered. The release impacted an approximate 9,688 square foot area on the south side of the lease road. BTA reported the release immediately via email to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) and submitted a *Release Notification Form C-141* (Form C-141) on November 7, 2018. The release was assigned Incident Number nOY1831160155.

SITE CHARACTERIZATION AND CLOSURE CRITERIA

The Site was characterized to assess the applicability of Table I, Closure Criteria for Soils Impacted by a Release, of Title 19, Chapter 15, Part 29 (19.15.29) of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC). Results from the characterization desktop review are presented on page 3 of the Form C-141, Site Assessment/Characterization. Potential Site receptors are identified on Figure 1.

Depth to groundwater at the Site is estimated to be greater than 100 feet below ground surface (bgs) based on the nearest groundwater well data. The closest permitted groundwater well with depth to groundwater data is New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) well C-04549, located

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approximately 0.5 miles west of the Site. The soil boring was drilled during July 2021 to a total depth of 103 feet bgs, and no groundwater was encountered. All wells used for depth to groundwater determination are presented on Figure 1. The associated well records are included in Appendix A.

The closest continuously flowing or significant watercourse to the Site is a dry wash, located approximately 900 feet east of the Site. The Site is greater than 200 feet from a lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake and greater than 300 feet from an occupied residence, school, hospital, institution, church, or wetland. The Site is greater than 1,000 feet to a freshwater well or spring and is not within a 100-year floodplain or overlying a subsurface mine. The Site is not underlain by unstable geology (medium potential karst designation area). Site receptors are identified on Figure 1.

Based on the results of the Site Characterization, the following NMOCD Table I Closure Criteria (Closure Criteria) apply:

- Benzene: 10 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)
- Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX): 50 mg/kg
- Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)-gasoline range organics (GRO) and TPH-diesel range organics (DRO): 1,000 mg/kg
- TPH: 2,500 mg/kg
- Chloride: 20,000 mg/kg

A reclamation requirement of 600 mg/kg chloride and 100 mg/kg TPH was applied to the top 4 feet of the pasture area that was impacted by the release, per 19.15.29.13.D (1) NMAC for the top 4 feet of areas that will be immediately reclaimed following remediation.

PROPOSED REMEDIATION WORK PLAN

Based on the unrecovered volume of crude oil and produced water and the age of the release, BTA proposes to complete Site assessment and delineation activities within and around the documented release extent to assess for the presence or absence of impacted soil resulting from the historical release at the Site. The documented release extent from October 2018 is depicted on the attached Figure 2. BTA requests approval to complete the following remediation activities:

- Soil samples will be collected outside of the documented release extent from a depth of 0.5 feet bgs to confirm the lateral extent of the surface release.
- Boreholes will be advanced via hand auger within the documented release extent to assess the vertical extent of impacted soil or determine if remediation activities have been previously completed.
- The proposed borehole and soil sample locations are shown on the attached Figure 3. Borehole locations may need to be adjusted slightly during field activities based on the location of underground utilities.
- Soil from the boreholes will be field screened at 1-foot intervals for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) utilizing a calibrated photoionization detector (PID) and chloride using Hach® chloride QuanTab® test strips. Field screening results and observations will be logged on lithologic/soil sampling logs. Two delineation samples from each borehole will be submitted for laboratory analysis; the sample with the highest field screening result and the sample from the final borehole depth.



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- Final depth of the boreholes will be determined by field screening results indicating compliance with the reclamation requirement in the top four feet or the Site Closure Criteria at depths greater than 4 feet. In the absence of elevated field screening results, the boreholes will be advanced to a depth of 4 feet bgs.
- The soil samples will be placed directly into pre-cleaned glass jars, labeled with the location, date, time, sampler name, method of analysis, and immediately placed on ice. The soil samples will be transported under strict chain-of-custody procedures to Cardinal Laboratories (Cardinal) in Hobbs, New Mexico, for analysis of the following COCs: BTEX following United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 8021B; TPH-GRO, TPH-DRO, and TPH-oil range organics (ORO) following EPA Method 8015M/D; and chloride following EPA Method SM4500.
- Upon completion of the lateral and vertical delineation activities and review of the laboratory analytical results, BTA will prepare a follow-up *Remediation Work Plan* proposing additional remediation activities, if warranted, or a *Closure Request* if no impacted soil is identified.

BTA will complete the delineation activities within 90 days of the date of approval of this *Work Plan* by the NMOCD. BTA believes the scope of work described above meets requirements set forth in 19.15.29.13 NMAC and is protective of human health, the environment, and groundwater. As such, BTA respectfully requests approval of this *Work Plan* for Incident Number nOY1831160155.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Tacoma Morrissey at (337) 257-8307 or tmorrissey@ensolum.com.

Sincerely, Ensolum, LLC

Caris Streen

Hadlie Green Project Geologist

Ashley L. Ager

Ashley Ager, M.S., PG Principal

cc: Kelton Beaird, BTA Nathan Sirgo, BTA Bureau of Land Management

Appendices:

Figure 1Site Receptor Map (2023)Figure 2Documented Release Extent (2018)Figure 3Proposed Delineation Soil Sample Locations (2023)Appendix AReferenced Well RecordsAppendix BFinal C-141





FIGURES

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Figure 2 Documented Release Extent (October 2018)





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APPENDIX A

Referenced Well Records



WELL RECORD & LOG

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Application ID	NOY1831160155

Release Notification

Responsible Party

Responsible Party BTA Oil Producers	OGRID NM1195/NMB000849	260297
Contact Name Ben Grimes	Contact Telephone 432-682-37	753
Contact email bgrimes@btaoil.com	Incident # (assigned by OCD)	NOY1831160155
Contact mailing address 104 South Pecos St. Midland, TX 79701		

Location of Release Source

Latitude 32.065054

Longitude 103.64362 (NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name Mcsa 8105-JV-P 004H (Closest well related)	Site Type flowline/transfer
Date Release Discovered Oct 23 rd , 2018	API# (if applicable) 30-025-42842

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County	Federal minerals
С	11	268	32E	Lea	Medium cave karst

Surface Owner: State Federal Tribal Private (Name:

Nature and Volume of Release

Mater	ial(s) Released (Select all that apply and attach calculations or speci	fic justification for the volumes provided below)
Crude Oil	15 bbl. released	Volume Recovered 8 bbl.
Produced Water	Volume Released- 60 bbl.	Volume Recovered 50 bbl
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water $>10,000$ mg/l?	Yes No not known at this time
Condensate	Volume Released (bbl.)	Volume Recovered (bbl.)
Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)
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spill area was calculated by google earths measuring system using GPS points of spill.

Environmental consultants will be retained to remediate spill and submit documentation.

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Initial Response

The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury

 \boxtimes The source of the release has been stopped.

The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment.

Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices.

All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.

If all the actions described above have not been undertaken, explain why:

Per 19.15.29.8 B. (4) NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please attach a narrative of actions to date. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a) NMAC), please attach all information needed for closure evaluation.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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 OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD 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.

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Signature: BenJumes	Date: <u>111712018</u>
email: Bgrimes@BTAO.T.com	Telephone: <u>432-682-3753</u>
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Site Assessment/Characterization

This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.

What is the shallowest depth to groundwater beneath the area affected by the release?	<u>>100 (ft bgs)</u>
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of a wetland?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release overlying a subsurface mine?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release overlying an unstable area such as karst geology?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Are the lateral extents of the release within a 100-year floodplain?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Did the release impact areas not on an exploration, development, production, or storage site?	🛛 Yes 🗌 No

Attach a comprehensive report (electronic submittals in .pdf format are preferred) demonstrating the lateral and vertical extents of soil contamination associated with the release have been determined. Refer to 19.15.29.11 NMAC for specifics.

Characterization Report Checklist: Each of the following items must be included in the report.

- Scaled site map showing impacted area, surface features, subsurface features, delineation points, and monitoring wells.
- Field data
- Data table of soil contaminant concentration data
- \boxtimes Depth to water determination
- Determination of water sources and significant watercourses within ¹/₂-mile of the lateral extents of the release
- Boring or excavation logs
- Photographs including date and GIS information
- Topographic/Aerial maps
- Laboratory data including chain of custody

If the site characterization report does not include completed efforts at remediation of the release, the report must include a proposed remediation plan. That plan must include the estimated volume of material to be remediated, the proposed remediation technique, proposed sampling plan and methods, anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation. The closure criteria for a release are contained in Table 1 of 19.15.29.12 NMAC, however, use of the table is modified by site- and release-specific parameters.

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Remediation Plan

Remediation Plan Checklist: Each of the following items must be included in the plan.

Detailed description of proposed remediation technique

Scaled sitemap with GPS coordinates showing delineation points

Estimated volume of material to be remediated

Closure criteria is to Table 1 specifications subject to 19.15.29.12(C)(4) NMAC

Proposed schedule for remediation (note if remediation plan timeline is more than 90 days OCD approval is required)

Deferral Requests Only: Each of the following items must be confirmed as part of any request for deferral of remediation.

Contamination must be in areas immediately under or around production equipment where remediation could cause a major facility deconstruction.

Extents of contamination must be fully delineated.

Contamination does not cause an imminent risk to human health, the environment, or groundwater.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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 OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD 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.

Printed Name: _Kelton Benird	Title:Environmental Manager
Signature:	Date:6/9/2023
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CONDITIONS

Operator:	OGRID:
BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC	260297
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Midland, TX 79701	225739
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jharimon	Remediation Plan is conditionally approved. Horizontal delineation must meet the requirements of the reclamation standards 19.15.29.13 NMAC (600 mg/kg CI, 100 mg/kg TPH, 50 mg/kg BTEX, 10 mg/kg benzene) or OCD approved "background" values for the upper 4 feet of the impacted area. Soil standards below 4 feet must be delineated/remediated to Table I Closure Criteria for the approved site-specific depth to groundwater. A surface visual footprint alone is not sufficient when assessing the horizontal extent of the release. Laboratory data must be provided as evidence of delineation efforts. Confirmation soil samples must consist of a five-point composite sample representing a surface area of no more than 200 ft2 unless otherwise approved.	8/18/2023

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