

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico **NM OIL CONSERVATION**  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources ARTESIA DISTRICT  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141  
Revised August 8, 2011

Submitted to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

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**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

NAB1600756275

**OPERATOR**

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company Yates Petroleum Corporation	Contact Chase Settle
Address 104 S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Artesia, NM 88210	Telephone No. 575-748-4171
Facility Name Cotton MX Federal Com. #1	Facility Type SWD

Surface Owner Federal	Mineral Owner Federal	API No. 30-015-23315
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**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter C	Section 14	Township 19S	Range 25E	Feet from the 810'	North/South Line North	Feet from the 2180'	East/West Line West	County Eddy
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Latitude 32.66568 Longitude -104.45631

**NATURE OF RELEASE**



Type of Release Produced Water	Volume of Release 1500 B/PW	Volume Recovered 1430 B/PW
Source of Release Produced Water Tank overflowed.	Date and Hour of Occurrence 12/22/2015; 6:30 a.m.	Date and Hour of Discovery 12/22/2015; 6:30 a.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Mike Bratcher, Heather Patterson, Randy Dade, Jim Amos	
By Whom? Bob Asher	Date and Hour 12/22/2015; 2:50 p.m.	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. N/A	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*  
N/A

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*  
Transducer valve failed causing the produced water tank to overflow.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* An approximate area of 30' X 230' north of the tanks in the open excavation and 40' X 70' around the tanks was impacted by the release. All released fluids were contained within the battery berm. The valve was closed and turned off, and vacuum trucks were called to retrieve standing fluid. Backhoe was also dispatched to remove impacted soils. Excavated soils will be hauled to a NMOCD approved facility. Vertical and horizontal delineation samples will be taken and analysis ran for TPH & BTEX (chlorides for documentation). If initial analytical results for TPH & BTEX are under RRAL's (site ranking is 10) a Final Report, C-141 will be submitted to the OCD requesting closure. If the analytical results are above the RRAL's a work plan will be submitted to the OCD. Depth to Ground Water: 50-99' (approximately 80', Section 14, T19S-R25E, per Trend Map), Wellhead Protection Area: No, Distance to Surface Water Body: >1000', SITE RANKING IS 10.

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: 	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: Chase Settle	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Title: NM Environmental Regulatory Agent	Approval Date: 1/7/16	Expiration Date: N/A
E-mail Address: csettle@yatespetroleum.com	Conditions of Approval: Remediation per O.C.D. Rules & Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL NO</b>	
Date: 01/04/2016	Phone: 575-748-4171	

LATER THAN: 1/9/16

2RP-3474

**Patterson, Heather, EMNRD**

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**From:** Chase Settle <CSettle@yatespetroleum.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 12:52 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Patterson, Heather, EMNRD; Jim Amos  
**Cc:** Bob Asher; Katie Parker; Amber Griffin; Veronica Alvarado  
**Subject:** C141 Initial Cotton MX Federal Com #1  
**Attachments:** C141 Initial Cotton MX Federal Com #1\_2015\_12\_22.pdf

Please find attached the C-141 Initial for the below listed location.

Cotton MX Federal Com. #1  
30-015-23315  
Section 14, T19S-R25E  
810 FNL & 2180 FWL  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Thank you,

*Chase Settle, M.S.*  
**Environmental Regulatory Agent**  
**Yates Petroleum Corporation**  
105 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Artesia, NM 88210  
575-748-4171 (Office)  
575-703-6537 (Cell)

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**Patterson, Heather, EMNRD**

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**From:** Bob Asher <BobA@yatespetroleum.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2015 2:50 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Patterson, Heather, EMNRD; Dade, Randy, EMNRD; jamos@blm.gov  
**Cc:** IncidentReportingNM; Amber Griffin; Chase Settle; Katie Parker; Veronica Alvarado  
**Subject:** Release Notification (Cotton MX Federal Com. #1)

**Yates Petroleum Corporation is reporting a release at the following location (12/22/2015, 7:30 AM).**

Cotton MX Federal Com. #1  
30-015-23315  
Section 14, T19S-R25E  
810 FNL & 2180 FWL  
Eddy County, New Mexico

**Released: >250 B/PW; Recovered: In Progress.**

Cause of the release was from a malfunction of a transducer valve that caused produced water to escape from the gun barrel, all released produced water was contained within the bermed battery. Vacuum truck(s) have been called. A Form C-141 with complete information will be submitted.

Thank you.

**Robert Asher**  
**NM Environmental Regulatory Supervisor**  
**Yates Petroleum Corporation**  
105 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Artesia, NM 88210  
575-748-4217 (Office)  
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