

GW – 149

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YEAR(S): 2008 - 2012

Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD

From: Bays, David [David.Bays@Williams.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:06 AM
To: Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD
Cc: Irwin, Jay B; Savage, Ryan; Lucero, Isaac; Jackson, Steve; Wicburg, Don; DeHerrera, Anthony; Huerta, Lupe; Johnson, John T.; Jones, Larry; McAndrews, Mark; Pruitt, Joseph; Rothlisberger, Vern; Ruggles, Dale; Smith, Russell; Specht, Randy; Sullivan, Danny; Trosky, Pete
Subject: RE: Explanation, GW-149
Attachments: Exterran Fluid Transfer Procedure.xls

Mr. Lowe;

During the afternoon of July 29, the contract operator opened a valve to fill the #11 compressor engine lubricating oil day tank from bulk storage. The operator had previously opened the day tank fill valve on #5 compressor engine. The valve on number 5 was left open and the day tank overfilled before the operator returned to unit #5. Approximately 12 to 15 gallons of unused lubricating oil sprayed out of the ½ inch vent line on top of the day tank. The oil was dispersed as a spray over the area we saw on the morning July 30. The site has been fully remediated. Since the oil is not an exempt waste, the soil removed is currently stock piled waste characterization awaiting results from an outside laboratory. Once the characterization results establish the spill is not hazardous as defined by RCRA Subtitle C, the soil will be transported to a commercial landfarm for disposal.

The contract operating company will be reviewing their Fluid Transfer procedures during their September safety meeting, and conducting training to ensure field employees are following the procedure properly. Particular emphasis will be placed on observing valve positions while filling small tanks. Closer attention to the prescribed methods in their procedure should prevent such releases in the future. I have appended a copy of the contractor's procedure for your reference.

David Bays, REM
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From: Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD [mailto:Leonard.Lowe@state.nm.us]
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2008 11:23 AM
To: Bays, David
Subject: Explanation, GW-149

David,

During the inspection of GW-149, El Cedro C.S. and treating station we observed the following.

What happened here? I want to make sure I understood what the cause of this release was.

Leonard Lowe
Environmental Engineer
Oil Conservation Division/EMNRD
1220 S. St. Francis Drive

10/2/2008

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Operating Procedure

Fluid Transferring

1.0 Objective

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure the proper environmental guidelines are followed while transferring fluids of any type. The focus of this procedure revolves around prevention of spills and leaks.

2.0 Scope

This procedure applies to all Exterranean Southern Rockies Basin Facilities, Employees, and/or Contract Employees. Customer procedures will be followed when more stringent than Exterranean's.

3.0 References (see "EMS Compliance Matrix" for further references)

40 CFR 112

19.15.1.13 NMOCD

4.0 Responsibility

All Exterranean Service Managers are responsible for ensuring their employees are properly trained in the fluid transferring procedures, and that the employees comply with the procedure required.

Each Exterranean Employee and/or Contract Employee is responsible to follow the requirements of this Operating Procedure and/or applicable customer procedure.

Each Exterranean Employee and/or Contract Employee is responsible to ensure all necessary equipment needed to properly perform fluid transfer procedure is available for use within operation area.

The Exterranean Southern Rockies Basin Management and Local HSE Department are responsible to make revisions as necessary to this operating procedure. At a minimum, this and all other operating procedures will be reviewed for applicability on an annual basis.

5.0 Definitions

Grounded - To connect with the ground so as to make the Earth part of a circuit.

Integrated Systems - Systems which can be affected by transfer process. This can include multiple storage tanks which must be isolated to transfer fluids and prevent overfilling and/or transfer of wrong product.

Static Charge - Produced stationary charge of electricity formed by rubbing unlike bodies together.

6.0 Procedures

Proper fluid transfer pump must be used for transferring fluids in enclosed piping systems and flexible hose systems. Siphoning of fluids by mouth or non-approved pump is not allowed.

All connections on piping and/or hoses must be in good condition with proper seal or gasket installed. Securing devices used to lock the connections together must be replaced before use if damaged.

Transfer pump must not have fluid leaks and must be contained in appropriate drip pan while operating in the event a leak occurs.

Placement of all valves associated with fluid transfer must be verified before transfer begins. Other integrated systems associated with fluid transfer process must also be verified as to their status.

Flexible hose ends must be secured into both containers before transfer begins. The securing devices must be inspected during the transfer process to verify their capability.

The fluid transfer process must be constantly monitored by applicable Exterran personnel to prevent any spills or leaks from occurring.

The container receiving the fluid must have appropriate labels attached. (see "Container Labeling" procedure)

Valves on piping or hoses must be inspected after completion of transfer process to ensure they are in proper operating position. All end caps must be installed on piping and hoses to prevent leaks. (see "Prevention and Repair of Leaks on Fittings, Pipes, and Hose Connections" Procedure)

To prevent static charge during transferring procedures, bonding cables must be used during transfer of flammable products. The containers and transfer equipment must be properly grounded to ensure this process is functional.

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Connie Pruitt

ON 6/16/08 CONNIE PRUITT appeared before me, whom I know personally to be the person who signed the above document.

Christine Sellers

My Commission Expires 11/05/11

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ATENCIÓN PÚBLICA

Williams Four Corners, LLC, County Road 4900, Bloomfield, NM 87413, presentaron una aplicación de renovación en el mayo de 2008 a la New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division, para la descarga antes aprobada planean GW-149 para su El Cedro Natural Gas Treating Plant and Compressor Station localizada en el NE/4, NW/4 de la Sección 31, Municipio 29 Norte, Recorrido 5 Oeste en Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. La instalación, este de aproximadamente 24 millas localizado de Blanco, proporciona servicios de acondicionamiento y compresión de gas naturales.

El plan de descarga se dirige como las cisternas, los agujeros, y otras descargas casuales a la superficie serán manejados. Los materiales típicos generados o usados en la instalación incluyen el echar agua condensado/producción de gas natural, el petróleo de lubricación nuevo y usado, echar agua de desecho ácido del equipo se lavan abajo, y glicol. La cantidad de wastewater generado es 100 - 50000 galones por año por motor. La instalación no descarga para revestir o subvertir los efluentes, y por lo tanto la cantidad y la calidad de las descargas no son aplicables. Toda la basura generada será temporalmente almacenada en tanques o contenedores equipados con la contención secundaria. La basura transportada por la agencia estatal, federal, o tribal recibirá tal basura. Se espera que la profundidad de agua subterránea estimada en el sitio esté en la variedad de 50-300 pies. El total se disolvirá se espera que la concentración de sólidos del agua subterránea de área esté en la variedad de 200-2,000 partes por millón.

Cualquier persona interesada o personas pueden obtener la información, presentar comentarios o solicitar para ser colocado en una lista de direcciones específicas de instalación para futuros avisos por ponerse en contacto con Leonard Lowe en el Nuevo México OCD en 1220 Sur San Francis Drive, Santa Fe, Nuevo México 87505. Teléfono (505) 476-3492. El OCD aceptará comentarios y declaraciones del interés en cuanto a la renovación y creará una lista de direcciones específicas de instalación para personas que desean recibir futuros avisos.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Williams Four Corners, LLC, 188 County Road 4900, Bloomfield, New Mexico 87413, submitted a renewal application in May 2008 to the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division for the previously approved discharge plan GW-149 for their El Cedro Natural Gas Treating Plant and Compressor Station located in the NE/4, NW/4 of Section 31, Township 29 North, Range 5 West in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The facility, located approximately 24 miles east of Blanco, provides natural gas compression and conditioning services.

The discharge plan addresses how spills, leaks, and other accidental discharges to the surface will be managed. Typical materials generated or used at the facility include natural gas condensate/produced water, new and used lube oil, oily waste water from equipment wash down, and glycol. The quantity of wastewater generated is 100-50000 gallons per year per engine. The facility does not discharge to surface or subsurface waters, and therefore the quantity and quality of the discharges is not applicable. All wastes generated will be temporarily stored in tanks or containers equipped with secondary containment. Waste shipped off-site will be disposed or recycled at a facility permitted by state, federal, or tribal agency to receive such waste. The estimated ground water depth at the site is expected to be in the range of 50-300 feet. The total dissolved solids concentration of area ground water is expected to be in the range of 200-2,000 parts per million.

Any interested person or persons may obtain information, submit comments or request to be placed on a facility-specific mailing list for future notices by contacting Leonard Lowe at the New Mexico OCD at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. Telephone (505) 476-3492. The OCD will accept comments and statements of interest regarding the renewal and will create a facility-specific mailing list for persons who wish to receive future notices.

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ON 6/26/08 BOB WALLER appeared before me, whom I know personally to be the person who signed the above document.

Christine Sellers

My Commission Expires - 11/05/11

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations (20.6.2.3106 NMAC), the following discharge permit application(s) has been submitted to the Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("NMOCD"), 1220 S. Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Telephone (505) 476-3440:

(GW-149) Williams Four Corners., Mr. David Bays, Senior Environmental Specialist, 188 County Road 4900, Bloomfield, N.M. 87413, has submitted a renewal application for the previously approved discharge plan for their El Cedro Gas plant and compressor station, located in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 29 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, approximately 24 miles east of Blanco, New Mexico. The function of the facility is to remove CO2 from a portion of the incoming natural gas using an amine treating system, to dehydrate portions of the incoming natural gas, and to compress the treated natural gas for pipeline transmission using compressors. Approximately 100-5000 gal/yr/unit of waste/wash down water; 1000-4000 bbl/year of used glycol; 500-2000 gal/year/engine of used oil and 200 gal/year of lab waste are generated and stored in onsite within a bermed area prior to disposal at an NMOCD approved facility. Groundwater most likely to be affected by a spill, leak or accidental discharge is at a depth of approximately 20-300 feet, with a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 200 - 2000 mg/l. The discharge plan addresses how oilfield products and waste will be properly handled, stored, and disposed of, including how spills, leaks, and other accidental discharges to the surface will be managed in order to protect fresh water.

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The NMOCD has determined that the application is administratively complete and has prepared a draft permit. The NMOCD will accept comments and statements of interest regarding this application and will create a facility-specific mailing list for persons who wish to receive future notices. Persons interested in obtaining further information, submitting comments or requesting to be on a facility-specific mailing list for future notices may contact the Environmental Bureau Chief of the Oil Conservation Division at the address given above. The administrative completeness determination and draft permit may be viewed at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or may also be viewed at the NMOCD web site <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/>. Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the application and draft permit may contact the NMOCD at the address given above. Prior to ruling on any proposed discharge permit or major modification, the Director shall allow a period of at least thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, during which interested persons may submit comments or request that NMOCD hold a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing shall set forth the reasons why a hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if the Director determines that there is significant public interest.

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Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud en español, sírvase comunicarse por favor: New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (Depto. Del Energía, Minerales y Recursos Naturales de Nuevo México), Oil Conservation Division (Depto. Conservación Del Petróleo), 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Contacto: Dorothy Phillips, 505-476-3461)

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(505) 476-3440:

(GW-283) Southern
Union Gas L.P., 301
Commerce Street,
Suite 700, Fort Worth
TX, 76102, has submit-
ted an application for
their previously ap-
proved discharge
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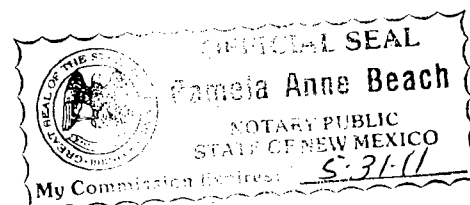
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 26th day of June, 2008

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