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**GENERAL  
CORRESPONDENCE**

**YEAR(S):**

1990

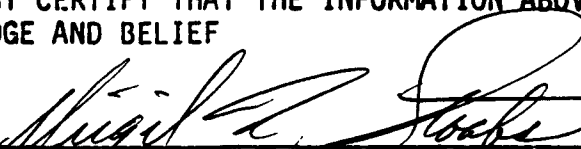
**NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, SPILLS, LEAKS AND BLOWOUTS**

NAME OF OPERATOR		Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp.						ADDRESS		421 Petroleum Center Bldg, Farmington, NM 87401	
REPORT OF	FIRE	BREAK	SPILL	LEAK	BLOWOUT	OTHER*					
			X								
TYPE OF FACILITY	DRLG WELL	PROD WELL	TANK	PIPE	GASO PLNT	OIL RFY	OTHER*				
		X	BTTY	LINE							
NAME OF FACILITY											
Dehydrator											
LOCATION OF FACILITY (QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION OR FOOTAGE DESCRIPTION)								SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	COUNTY
SW/4 NW/4								10	25N	1W	Rio Arriba
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR PROMINENT LANDMARK											
30 miles north of Cuba											
DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURENCE						DATE AND HOUR OF DISCOVERY					
2/7/90 1:00 to 5:00 PM						2/7/90 5:00 PM					
WAS IMMEDIATE NOTICE GIVEN?		YES	NO	NOT RE-QUIRED		IF YES, TO WHOM Telephone notice 15 hours later					
			X								
BY WHOM						DATE AND HOUR					
TYPE OF FLUID LOST						QUANTITY OF LOSS			VOLUME RE-COVERED		
Oil						10 bbls net			20 bbls		
DID ANY FLUIDS REACH A WATERCOURSE?		YES	NO	QUANTITY							
			X								
IF YES, DESCRIBE FULLY**											
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DESCRIBE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN**											
Diaphragm operating mechanism failed causing separator dump valve to close: oil flowed into gas line and from there to dehydrator. Oil dumped by dehydrator scrubber and pit not large enough to hold this volume.											
DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN**											
50' x 100' area all on wellsite location. In process of cleaning up, propose to construct larger emergency pit.											
DESCRIPTION OF AREA		FARMING		GRAZING		URBAN		OTHER*			
				X							
SURFACE CONDITIONS		SANDY		SANDY LOAM		CLAY		ROCKY		WET	
				X						SNOW	
										X	
DESCRIBE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING (TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, ETC.)**											
50 degrees, clear weather											
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF											
SIGNED						TITLE		President		DATE	
										2/8/90	

\*SPECIFY

\*\*ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

**NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, SPILLS, LEAKS, AND BLOWOUTS**

NAME OF OPERATOR Benson-Montezuma Drilling Corp					ADDRESS 221 Petroleum Center Building Farmington, NM 87401		
REPORT OF	FIRE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BREAK <input type="checkbox"/>	SPILL <input type="checkbox"/>	LEAK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BLOWOUT <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER* <input type="checkbox"/>	
TYPE OF FACILITY	DRUG WELL <input type="checkbox"/>	PROD WELL <input type="checkbox"/>	TANK BTY <input type="checkbox"/>	PIPE LINE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GASO PLNT <input type="checkbox"/>	OIL RFY <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER* <input type="checkbox"/>
NAME OF FACILITY Oil gathering line							
LOCATION OF FACILITY (QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION OR FOOTAGE DESCRIPTION) SW/4 NW/4					SEC. 35	TWP. 25N	RGE. 1W
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR PROMINENT LANDMARK 2 miles west of Llaves, NM then 3 miles south							
DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURENCE Unknown				DATE AND HOUR OF DISCOVERY 01/31/90 - Hour unknown			
WAS IMMEDIATE NOTICE GIVEN?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/>		IF YES, TO WHOM	
BY WHOM				DATE AND HOUR			
TYPE OF FLUID LOST Oil				QUANTITY OF LOSS 15-20 barrels		VOLUME RECOVERED None	
DID ANY FLUIDS REACH A WATERCOURSE?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QUANTITY Estimated 1 to 1 barrel in dry wash			
IF YES, DESCRIBE FULLY** A small quantity of the spilled ran into a dry wash - this will not be washed downstream provided operator can obtain approval to proceed immediately with clean-up operations.							
DESCRIBE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN** Cause of problem is unknown at this time - operator expects to find cause of problem during repair operations.							
DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN** The area affected is a roadside ditch for short distance - the inside of a culvert and gently sloping hillside to the bank of a dry wash and into the dry wash.							
DESCRIPTION OF AREA	FARMING <input type="checkbox"/>		GRAZING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		URBAN <input type="checkbox"/>		OTHER* <input type="checkbox"/>
SURFACE CONDITIONS	SANDY <input type="checkbox"/>	SANDY LOAM <input type="checkbox"/>	CLAY <input type="checkbox"/>	ROCKY <input type="checkbox"/>	WET <input type="checkbox"/>	DRY <input type="checkbox"/>	SNOW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DESCRIBE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING (TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, ETC.)** February 7, 1990 - Temperature range of 45 - 50 degrees with clear skies.							
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF							
SIGNED 				TITLE Vice President		DATE 02/08/90	

\*SPECIFY

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**RECEIVED**  
**FEB 09 1990**  
**OIL CON. DIV.**  
**DIST. 3**

Bureau Sims

785 711

Lat 10° 15'

1000 ft - 2000 ft  
1000 ft - 2000 ft  
1000 ft - 2000 ft

at well in 1000 ft

1000 ft - 2000 ft  
1000 ft - 2000 ft

2000 ft  
1000 ft - 2000 ft

2000 ft - 1000 ft - 2000 ft

2000 ft - 1000 ft - 2000 ft

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Saladen, Surface Water Quality Bureau  
FROM: Jim Piatt, Surface Water Quality Bureau  
DATE: 9 February 1990

*Jim Piatt*

RE: Oil spills on Cuba District of the Santa Fe National Forest

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On 8 February 1990, Mr. Bruce Sims (988-6961), Hydrologist for the Santa Fe National Forest advised me that at least two oil spills had occurred on the Forest. The first spill was discovered by two Forest Service employees on 31 January and reported to Jimmy Morris (476-6466) <sup>ETS</sup> of the BLM who handle all mineral leasing and management activities for the Forest. This spill is located in Township 25N Range 1W Section 24 along Forest Road 515. The oil originated from a pipeline, travelled along the west edge of the road for 30 meters, passed through a culvert, spread out over 6-8 meters and travelled 60 meters to the edge of Canada Gurule Arroyo. This ephemeral drainage leads into Rio Gallina which is included in segment 2-115 of the State's water quality standards. *19052 meters*

The second spill was discovered on 5 February along the edge of Forest Road 520. It's location is described as Township 26N Range 1W Section 16. The area covered with oil was estimated as 155 square meters. This spill was also reported to the BLM.

#1

SWQB SPILL REPORT FORM

Date: 9 Feb 90 Time: 14 10

Received by: R Getawood 827-2794

County where spill occurred: Rio Arriba

NPDES Permit No. N/A

(a) Person reporting 3rd party Bruce Simms Title Hydrologist, Santa Fe US Forest  
Santa Fe National Forest  
Address 1220 St Francis Dr PO Box 1682 City Santa Fe NM State 87501  
Telephone No. 988-6961

(b) Responsible Facility Benson Montor Greer (BMG) oil Company  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City Farmington State NM  
Telephone No. Al Greer 325-8874

(c) Spill location Along US Forest Rd 515 (Santa Fe National Forest Map)  
(such as highways, towns, etc.)  
T 25 N R 1 W Sec 34

Spill occurred Date: 8 Feb or Prior Time: unknown  
Spill discovered Date: 8 Feb Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spill stopped Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest water body affected: None; Describe Probably Canada Gurule  
See Memorandum Arroyo

\* (d) Source and cause of spill: Crude oil pipeline from well to  
(pipeline, truck, boat, etc.)  
storage tanks. Possible expansion of pipe from temperature

(e) Materials spilled: Crude oil Approx 190 square meters

(f) Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Cleanup started: Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_; Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Cleanup finished: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_; Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

CCD  
responsibility

Environmental damage: None \_\_\_\_\_; Describe: Unknown

Weather conditions: Unknown

Offices contacted: SWQB \_\_\_\_\_; GWB \_\_\_\_\_; HWB \_\_\_\_\_; CSS \_\_\_\_\_;

Field Office \_\_\_\_\_; U.S. Fish & Wildlife \_\_\_\_\_; NM Game & Fish \_\_\_\_\_;

USEPA \_\_\_\_\_; Epidemiology \_\_\_\_\_; Downstream Users \_\_\_\_\_;

Other Oil Conservation District, Dave Boyer 827-5812 / Roger Anderson  
(Fire department, Police, City officials, Indian Pueblos, etc.)

827-5884

Comments: On Jan 31, 90 Dennis Hilliard, Range and Lands  
Officer and Bill Wyatt, District Archeologist investigated.  
On Feb 1 they contacted Jimmy Morris of BLM.

1-203 A.3. Written report submitted within 1 week? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

1-203 A. 6. Corrective action report submitted within 15 days?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Bureau Chief approval? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (within 30 days of it's receipt)

Modified corrective action report required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

#2

SWQB SPILL REPORT FORM

Date: 9 Feb 90 Time: 1410

Received by: R. Gatewood 827-2794

County where spill occurred: Rio Arriba

NPDES Permit No. N/A

(a) Person reporting Bruce Simms Title Hydrologist, Santa Fe Forest  
Santa Fe National Forest

Address 1220 St Francis Dr. PO Box 1689 City Santa Fe State NM 87504

Telephone No. 988-6961

(b) Responsible Facility Benson Monitor Greer (BMG) Oil Company

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City Farmington State NM

Telephone No. Al Greer 325-8874

(c) Spill location Along Forest Rd. 520  
(such as highways, towns, etc.)

T 26 N R 1 W Sec 16

Spill occurred Date: 4 or 5 Feb. 90 Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Spill discovered Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Spill stopped Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Method: Man made rupture of pipeline

OCD \*

(Crude oil)

Nearest water body affected: None; Describe \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Source and cause of spill: \_\_\_\_\_  
(pipeline, truck, boat, etc.)

(e) Materials spilled: 155 square meters

(f) Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Cleanup started: Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_; Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Cleanup finished: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_; Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental damage: None \_\_\_\_\_; Describe: Unknown

Weather conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Offices contacted: SWQB \_\_\_\_\_; GWB \_\_\_\_\_; HWB \_\_\_\_\_; CSS \_\_\_\_\_;

Field Office \_\_\_\_\_; U.S. Fish & Wildlife \_\_\_\_\_; NM Game & Fish \_\_\_\_\_;

USEPA \_\_\_\_\_; Epidemiology \_\_\_\_\_; Downstream Users \_\_\_\_\_;

Other OCD Dave Boyer 827-5812  
(Fire department, Police, City officials, Indian Pueblos, etc.)

Comments: Investigated by Dennis Hillardson  
Jimmy Morris

1-203 A.3. Written report submitted within 1 week? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

1-203 A. 6. Corrective action report submitted within 15 days?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Bureau Chief approval? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (within 30 days of it's receipt)

Modified corrective action report required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

#3

## SWQB SPILL REPORT FORM

Date: 9 Feb 90 Time: 1410Received by: R Gatewood 827-2794County where spill occurred: Rio ArribaNPDES Permit No. NA

(a) Person reporting Bruce Simms Title Hydrologist, US Forest Santa Fe  
Santa Fe National Forest  
Address 1220 St Francis Dr, PO Box 1689 City Santa Fe State NM 87504  
Telephone No. 988-6961

(b) Responsible Facility Benson Monitor Greer (BMG) Oil Company  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City Farmington State NM  
Telephone No. AL Greer 325-8874

(c) Spill location T 25 N R 1 W Sec 10  
(such as highways, towns, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Spill occurred Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Spill discovered Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Spill stopped Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest water body affected: None; Describe \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Source and cause of spill: Well head shut off valves failed.  
(pipeline, truck, boat, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Materials spilled: Either 60 m x 10 m or 300 sq meters  
Uncertain

(f) Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Cleanup started: Yes ☒ No ☐; Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_Cleanup finished: Yes ☐ No ☐; Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental damage: None \_\_\_\_\_; Describe: Unknown

Weather conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Offices contacted: SWQB \_\_\_\_\_; GWB \_\_\_\_\_; HWB \_\_\_\_\_; CSS \_\_\_\_\_;

Field Office \_\_\_\_\_; U.S. Fish & Wildlife \_\_\_\_\_; NM Game & Fish \_\_\_\_\_;

USEPA \_\_\_\_\_; Epidemiology \_\_\_\_\_; Downstream Users \_\_\_\_\_;

Other OCD Dave Boyer 5812  
(Fire department, Police, City officials, Indian Pueblos, etc.)

Comments: Investigated by Bill Wyatt Archeologist  
Feb 8, 90.

1-203 A.3. Written report submitted within 1 week? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

1-203 A. 6. Corrective action report submitted within 15 days?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Bureau Chief approval? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (within 30 days of it's receipt)

Modified corrective action report required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_