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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

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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Submit to appropriate OCD District office

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Release Notification

Responsible Party

Responsible Party: **BTA Oil Producers, LLC**	OGRID: **260297**
Contact Name: **Bob Hall**	Contact Telephone: **432-682-3753**
Contact email: **bhall@btaoil.com**	Incident # *(assigned by OCD)*
Contact mailing address: **104 S. Pecos St., Midland, TX 79701**	

Location of Release Source

Latitude: **32.06403°** Longitude: **-103.65324°**

(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name: **Mesa #2H Tank Battery**	Site Type: **Production Facility**
Date Release Discovered: **9/19/2020**	API# *(if applicable)* Nearest well: **Mesa #2H API #30-025-41289**

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
D	**11**	**26S**	**32E**	**Lea**

Surface Owner: ☐ State ☒ Federal ☐ Tribal ☐ Private (*Name:* _____)

Nature and Volume of Release

Material(s) Released (Select all that apply and attach calculations or specific justification for the volumes provided below)

☒ Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls) **40 BBL**	Volume Recovered (bbls) **6 BBL**
☒ Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls) **94 BBL**	Volume Recovered (bbls) **14 BBL**
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	☒ Yes ☐ No
☐ Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
☐ Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)
☐ Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)

Cause of Release

A failed gasket on a separator vessel allowed the release of oil and produced water outside of the containment onto the ground as free liquid and spray. On the same day as the release, a backhoe was on location to scrape the impacted area that wasn't covered by surface flow lines. Also, 20 BBL of oil and water was recovered.

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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC? ☒ Yes ☐ No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release? **The spill volume was greater than 25 BBL, which the NMOCD Rules define as a major release.**

If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)?
No. The aerial photos and information calculating the wetted area was made available the morning of 9/22/2020. The present C-141 is filed on the same morning and distributed via email to Mike Bratcher, Robert Hamlet, Victoria Venegas, Jim Griswold, and Jim Amos (BLM).

Initial Response

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

☒ 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:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: It should be noted that on 9/19/2020, a backhoe was on location to scrape the impacted area not covered by flowlines. (Pictures attached). The area containing the lines on the surface will require hand digging to complete the remediation activities.

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.

Printed Name: **Bob Hall** Title: **Environmental Manager**

Signature: BHall Date: **9/22/2020**

email: **bhall@btaoil.com** Telephone: **432-682-3753**

OCD Only

Received by: Ramona Marcus Date: 9/25/2020

Location 8105 Mesa Tank Battery
API # 30-025-41289
Spill Date 9/19/2020

Spill Dimensions

ENTER - Length of Spill	100	**feet**
ENTER - Width of Spill	100	**feet**
ENTER - Saturation Depth of Spill	6	**inches**
ENTER - Porosity Factor	0.15	**decimal**

Oil Cut - Well Test / Vessel Throughput or Contents

Oil	29.8
Water	70.2
Calculated Oil Cut	0.298

Volume Recovered in Truck / Containment

ENTER - Recovered Oil	0	**BBL**
ENTER - Recovered Water	0	**BBL**

Calculated Values	*calculated*	
Release of Oil in Soil - Unrecovered	40	***BBL***
Release of Water in Soil - Unrecovered	94	***BBL***
Unrecovered Total Release	134	***BBL***

Calculated Values	*calculated*	
Total Release of Oil	40	***BBL***
Total Release of Water	94	***BBL***
Total Release	134	***BBL***

Types of Soil	Porosity Factor
Gravel	0.25
Sand	0.20
Clay/silt/sand Mix	0.15
Clay	0.05
Caliche	0.03
Unknown	0.25

(Length X Width X Depth X 1 ft/12 in) X Porosity
5.615 ft^3 / BBL

X

Oil Cut
(or Water Cut)

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