

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
Energy Minerals and Natural
Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141
Revised August 24, 2018
Submit to appropriate OCD District office

Incident ID	nAPP2036429245
District RP	
Facility ID	
Application ID	

Release Notification

Responsible Party

Responsible Party EPIC Energy, L.L.C.	OGRID 372834
Contact Name Vanessa Fields	Contact Telephone 505-787-9100
Contact email vanessa@walsheng.net	Incident # (assigned by OCD) nAPP2036429245
Contact mailing address 7415 East Main Street, Farmington, NM 87402	

Location of Release Source

Latitude 36.4870796 Longitude 108.1201935
(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name Cowsaround SWD #001	Site Type SWD
Date Release Discovered 12/26/2020	API# (if applicable) 30-45-30096

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
K	16	26N	12W	San Juan

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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls) 43.4 BBL	Volume Recovered (bbls)
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)

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Cause of Release

On Saturday December 26, 2020 at 11:03 am Epic Energy was notified of Produced Water Release at the Cowsaround SWD #001 API 30-045-30096 by a third-party contractor (water driver) that experienced a hose malfunction that resulted in a 43.4 BBL produced water release.

The release was contained to the SWD location, with the majority of the fluids that were released being contained inside the tank berm.

Epic Energy immediately mobilized hydrovac trucks and a backhoe to remediate the impacted areas. All standing fluid and contaminated soil were transported to IEI(JFJ) Landfarm.

No injuries and/or illnesses were reported, nor did any hydrocarbon fluids leave location or enter any watercourses or tributaries.

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?

Release amount was over 25 BBLS in accordance with 19.15.29 7(A) a release over 25 BBLS is considered a major release per NMOCD.

If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc.)?

Verbal and email communication were made to NMOCD District III office Cory Smith and David Johnson with the State Land Office on December 26, 2020.

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:

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.

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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: Vanessa Fields Title: Regulatory Compliance Manager
Signature:  Date: 12/28/2020
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OCD Only

Received by: Ramona Marcus Date: 12/29/2020