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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

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

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By JKeyes at 7:36 am, Mar 23, 2016

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

## Release Notification and Corrective Action

### OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: COG Operating LLC	Contact: Robert McNeill	
Address: 600 West Illinois Avenue, Midland TX 79701	Telephone No. 432-230-0077	
Facility Name: MERLIN STATE COM #001H	Facility Type: Battery	
Surface Owner:	Mineral Owner: State	API No. 30-025-41590

### LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
N	29	21S	34E	1130	South	1650	West	Lea

Latitude 32.4456367 Longitude -103.4951477

### NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Oil & Produced Water	Volume of Release: 3 bbls Oil ; 16 bbls PW	Volume Recovered: 1 bbls Oil ; 15 bbls PW
Source of Release: Separation equipment	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 3/9/2016 12:55 pm	Date and Hour of Discovery: 3/9/2016 12:55 pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	
By Whom?	Date and Hour:	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*



Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

This release was caused by a hole in the fire tube of a heater treater. Vacuum trucks were dispatched to recover standing fluid.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

This release was contained within the lined facility. Concho will have the spill site evaluated for any possible contamination from the release.

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: Robert Grubbs Jr.		Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Title: Senior Environmental Coordinator		Approval Date: 03/23/2016	Expiration Date: 05/23/2016
E-mail Address: rgrubbs@concho.com		Conditions of Approval: If contamination occurred then delineate and remediate per NMOCD guidelines. Discrete site samples only.	
Date: March 21, 2016 Phone: 432-683-7443		Attached <input type="checkbox"/> 1RP 4220	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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