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State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural
Resources Department

Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
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Form C-141
Revised August 24, 2018
Submit to appropriate OCD District office

Incident ID	nAPP2102817135
District RP	
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Release Notification

Responsible Party

Responsible Party: Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado	OGRID: 162683
Contact Name: Laci Luig	Contact Telephone: (432) 571-7800
Contact email: lluig@cimarex.com	Incident # (assigned by OCD) nAPP2102817135
Contact mailing address: 600 N Marienfeld Street, Ste. 600 Midland, TX 79701	

Location of Release Source

Latitude 32.11146 _____ Longitude -104.27389 _____
(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name: Cottonwood Draw 22 Federal Com 1H	Site Type: Battery
Date Release Discovered: 1/25/2021	API# (if applicable)

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
P	22	25S	26E	Eddy

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) 97	Volume Recovered (bbls) 95
	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)

Cause of Release: Human Error

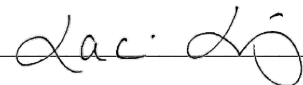
A water tank ran over the top spilling 97 barrels of produced water onto the gravel lined containment and we recovered 95 barrels. The tanks reached high levels due to the pump not turning on, we are still investigating this issue. The safety system on the tank failed to shut the well in when the tank reached high levels due to the safety system being isolated. Impacted gravel was removed to inspect the liner. A liner inspection was scheduled for 4/15/2021.

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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release? Total amount of release was greater than 25 barrels.
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)? By: Gloria Garza To: Mike Bratcher, Robert Hamlet, Cristina Eads and BLM CFO Spill By: Email	

Initial Response

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The source of the release has been stopped. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.	
If all the actions described above have <u>not</u> 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.	
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: Laci Luig	Title: ESH Specialist
Signature: 	Date: 1/28/2021
email: llug@cimarex.com	Telephone: (432) 208-3035
<u>OCD Only</u>	
Received by: _____	Date: _____

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Site Assessment/Characterization

This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.

What is the shallowest depth to groundwater beneath the area affected by the release?	<u>14</u> (ft bgs)
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of a wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release overlying a subsurface mine?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release overlying an unstable area such as karst geology?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within a 100-year floodplain?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Did the release impact areas not on an exploration, development, production, or storage site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Attach a comprehensive report (electronic submittals in .pdf format are preferred) demonstrating the lateral and vertical extents of soil contamination associated with the release have been determined. Refer to 19.15.29.11 NMAC for specifics.

Characterization Report Checklist: *Each of the following items must be included in the report.*

- ☐ Scaled site map showing impacted area, surface features, subsurface features, delineation points, and monitoring wells.
- ☐ Field data
- ☐ Data table of soil contaminant concentration data
- ☐ Depth to water determination
- ☐ Determination of water sources and significant watercourses within ½-mile of the lateral extents of the release
- ☐ Boring or excavation logs
- ☐ Photographs including date and GIS information
- ☐ Topographic/Aerial maps
- ☐ Laboratory data including chain of custody

If the site characterization report does not include completed efforts at remediation of the release, the report must include a proposed remediation plan. That plan must include the estimated volume of material to be remediated, the proposed remediation technique, proposed sampling plan and methods, anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation. The closure criteria for a release are contained in Table 1 of 19.15.29.12 NMAC, however, use of the table is modified by site- and release-specific parameters.

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Signature: _____ Date: 5/10/2021_____

email: lluig@cimarex.com_____ Telephone: (432) 208-3035_____

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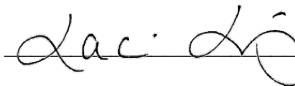
Closure

The responsible party must attach information demonstrating they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and any conditions or directives of the OCD. This demonstration should be in the form of a comprehensive report (electronic submittals in .pdf format are preferred) including a scaled site map, sampling diagrams, relevant field notes, photographs of any excavation prior to backfilling, laboratory data including chain of custody documents of final sampling, and a narrative of the remedial activities. Refer to 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

Closure Report Attachment Checklist: *Each of the following items must be included in the closure report.*

- ☐ A scaled site and sampling diagram as described in 19.15.29.11 NMAC
- ☐ Photographs of the remediated site prior to backfill or photos of the liner integrity if applicable (Note: appropriate OCD District office must be notified 2 days prior to liner inspection)
- ☐ Laboratory analyses of final sampling (Note: appropriate ODC District office must be notified 2 days prior to final sampling)
- ☐ Description of remediation activities

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Signature:  _____ Date: 5/10/2021 _____
email: lluig@cimarex.com _____ Telephone: (432) 208-3035 _____

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Received by: Chad Hensley _____ Date: 06/28/2021 _____

Closure approval by the OCD does not relieve the responsible party of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that poses a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health, or the environment nor does not relieve the responsible party of compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Closure Approved by:  _____ Date: 06/28/2021 _____
Printed Name: Chad Hensley _____ Title: Environmental Specialist Advanced _____

From: [Laci Luig](#)
To: ["mike.bratcher@state.nm.us"](#); [Hamlet, Robert, EMNRD](#); [Cristina.Eads@state.nm.us](#); [BLM SPILL \(blm_nm_cfo_spill@blm.gov\)](#)
Cc: [Griswold, Jim, EMNRD](#)
Subject: RE: Cimarex Reportable Spill - Cottonwood Draw 22 Federal Com 1H
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:25:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Morning!

The Cottonwood Draw 22 Fed Com 1H will be ready for a liner inspection Thursday, April 15th at 8am (MST).

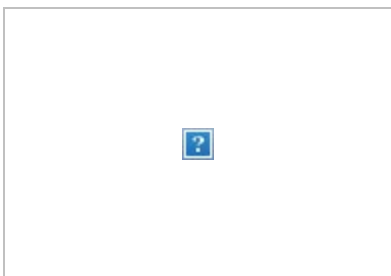
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From: Gloria Garza <ggarza@cimarex.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:08 AM
To: 'mike.bratcher@state.nm.us' <mike.bratcher@state.nm.us>; Hamlet, Robert, EMNRD <Robert.Hamlet@state.nm.us>; Cristina.Eads@state.nm.us; BLM SPILL (blm_nm_cfo_spill@blm.gov) <blm_nm_cfo_spill@blm.gov>
Cc: Laci Luig <lluig@cimarex.com>; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD <Jim.Griswold@state.nm.us>
Subject: Cimarex Reportable Spill - Cottonwood Draw 22 Federal Com 1H

Good Morning,

We had a spill at the Cottonwood Draw 22 Federal Com 1H. The cause of the spill is due to human error. A water tank ran over the top spilling 97 barrels of produced water onto the gravel lined containment and we recovered 95 barrels. The tanks reached high levels due to the pump not turning on, we are still investigating this issue. The safety system on the tank failed to shut the well in when the tank reached high levels due to the safety system being isolated. We will remove the impacted gravel to inspect the liner and we will set up a liner inspection asap.



A c-141 will be submitted online.

Please call with any questions.

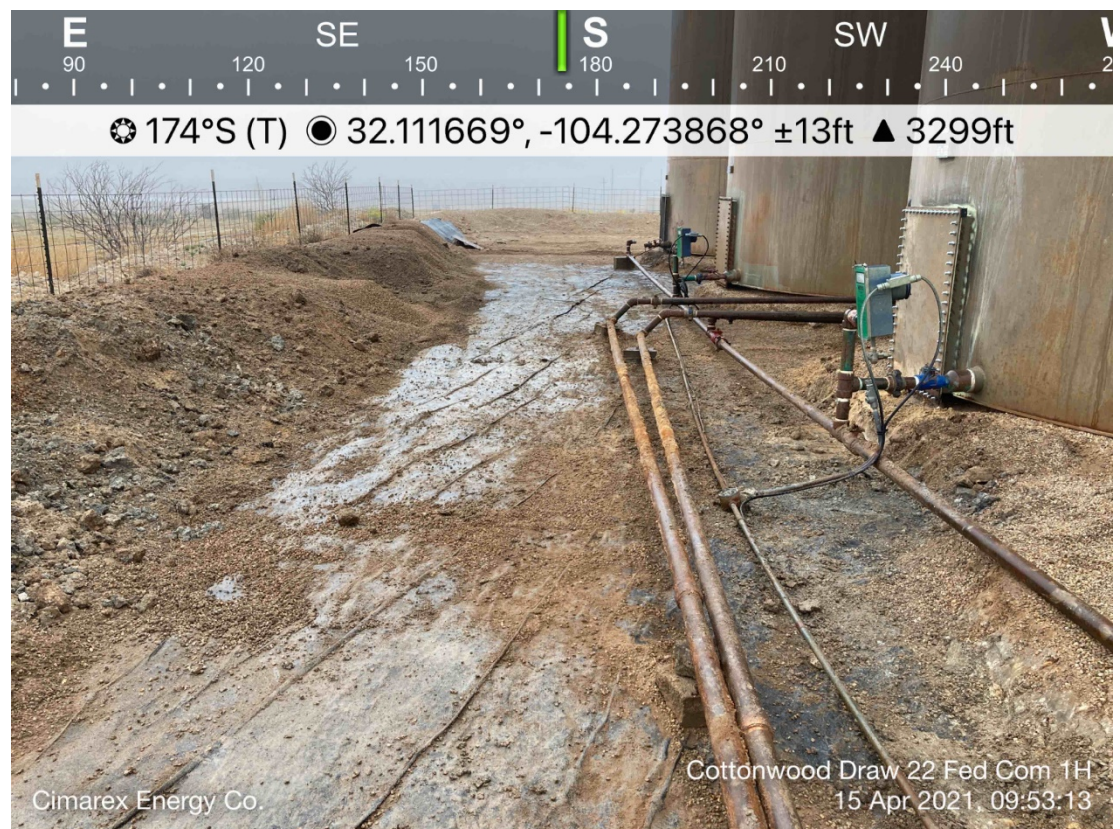


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CONDITIONS

Action 27647

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Operator: CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO 600 N. Marienfeld Street Midland, TX 79701	OGRID: 162683
	Action Number: 27647
	Action Type: [C-141] Release Corrective Action (C-141)

CONDITIONS

Created By	Condition	Condition Date
chensley	None	6/28/2021