



07 July 2021

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

1625 North French Drive

Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE: Closure Request

Chevron USA Inc.

UL – E, Section 02, Township 23S, Range 28E, County – Eddy

Lat: 32.3365135 Long: -104.0637589

Incident # - nKMW1108948691

To Whom it may concern,

We are submitting this request for closure based on the activities below.

Activities were initiated to bring the impacted area into conformance with NMOCD requirements. For clarity and cross reference purposes, the following Closure Request offers a brief Overview, a Site Map, Photos of the Excavation Site before and after remediation, a brief Summary of Activities and Conclusion.

On 7-28-09 A lightning strike caused a fire and 5 fiberglass tanks burned which caused a release of 1056 bbls produced water, 906 bbls were recovered.

On 9-16-09 Cliff Brunson with BBC and Mike Bratcher with the OCD had an e-mail conversation regarding the clean-up of the spill. " On the Culebra, we will remove soil in the area of sample points 3, 4, and 6 to a depth of 1 foot and in the area of sample points 1 and 2, we will remove 3 feet of soil. We will collect and submit one composite sample of the area to be analyzed for TPH and BTEX per your request. The site will then be backfilled with clean soil. A final C-141 and the lab data will be submitted upon the completion of remediation activities." "The method of remediation for this site, as proposed, is approved."

In reviewing our records, it has come to our attention that this spill was never formally closed. At this time, we request closure based on the following proof of clean-up.

Questions, concerns and/or needs for additional information should be directed to Amy Barnhill at (432) 687-7108 or via e-mail at [ABarnhill@chevron.com](mailto:ABarnhill@chevron.com).

Thank you for your time and attention to the matter.

Amy Barnhill

State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Division

Incident ID	nKMW1108948691
District RP	2RP-672
Facility ID	
Application ID	

## 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

On the Culebra, we removed soil in the 3 areas to a depth of 1 foot and in two areas, we removed 3 feet of soil. We collected and submitted one composite sample of the area to be analyzed for TPH and BTEX per your request. The site was then backfilled with clean soil.


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. The responsible party acknowledges they must substantially restore, reclaim, and re-vegetate the impacted surface area to the conditions that existed prior to the release or their final land use in accordance with 19.15.29.13 NMAC including notification to the OCD when reclamation and re-vegetation are complete.

Printed Name: Amy BarnhillTitle: Waste and Water SpecialistSignature: Date: 7-7-2021email: [ABarnhill@chevron.com](mailto:ABarnhill@chevron.com)Telephone: 432-687-7108**OCD Only**

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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: 07/08/2021Printed Name: Bradford BillingsTitle: Envi.Spec.A

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Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate  
District Office in accordance  
with Rule 116 on back  
side of form

30-015-22754

Release Notification and Corrective Action

*DKMLW 1108948691*

Name of Company CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.		Contact BRADLEY BLEVINS
Address P. O. BOX 190 HOBBS, NM 88241		Telephone No. 575-391-1462
Facility Name CULEBRA BLUFF SWD No. 001		Facility Type Disposal Well
Surface Owner	Mineral Owner	Lease No.

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

LOCATION OF RELEASE API #30-015-31376

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
E	2	23S	28E	1980	NORTH	860	WEST	EDDY

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF RELEASE API #: 30-015-22754

Type of Release Produced water	Volume of Release 1056 BBLS	Volume Recovered 906 BBLS
Source of Release Lightning strike and fire	07/28/09 10:45 P.M. Date and Hour of Occurrence	07/28/09 10:45 P.M. Date and Hour of Discovery
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Mike Bratcher	
By Whom? Bradley Blevins	Date and Hour 07/29/09 10:00 AM	
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.\*

Lightning strike caused a fire and 5 fiberglass tanks burned releasing produced water in a lined battery area. Vacuum trucks were used to recover free fluid.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

906 BBLS of fluid was recovered. Soil removal will be conducted per NMOCD approval and remedial actions and test results will be furnished with the final C-141.

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: <i>Bradley Blevins</i>		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: BRADLEY BLEVINS		Approved by District Supervisor <i>Mike Bratcher</i>	
Title: EHS Specialist		Approval Date: 3/30/11	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: bradley.blevins@chk.com		Conditions of Approval:	
Date: 09/04/09 Phone: 575-391-1462		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Remediation per OCD Rules &  
Guidelines. **SUBMIT REMEDIATION  
PROPOSAL NOT LATER THAN:**

2RP-672

**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Cliff P. Brunson [cbrunson@bbcinternational.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2009 4:49 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Bradley Blevins; Ken Swinney; Jennifer Gilkey  
**Subject:** Chesapeake Culebra Bluff SWD #1 - Initial C-141  
**Attachments:** Initial C-141.pdf

Mike,

Please find attached a signed initial C-141 for the Chesapeake Culebra Bluff SWD #1 tank battery fire and release. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks, Cliff

Cliff P. Brunson, CEI, CRS  
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BBC International, Inc.  
World-Wide Environmental Specialists  
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## Site Location







Chesapeake Operating, Inc.  
(505) 391-1462 • (800) 566-9306

CULEBRA BLUFF SWD #1  
UNIT E, SEC. 2-T23S-R28E

(918) 496-2626







**From:** Cliff P. Brunson <[cbrunson@bbcinternational.com](mailto:cbrunson@bbcinternational.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 23, 2012 4:56 PM  
**To:** Bratcher; Mike; EMNRD <[mike.bratcher@state.nm.us](mailto:mike.bratcher@state.nm.us)>  
**Cc:** Bradley Blevins <[bradley.blevins@chk.com](mailto:bradley.blevins@chk.com)>; Ken Swinney <[kswinney@bbcinternational.com](mailto:kswinney@bbcinternational.com)>; Jennifer Gilkey <[jgilkey@bbcinternational.com](mailto:jgilkey@bbcinternational.com)>; Kathy Purvis <[kathy@bbcinternational.com](mailto:kathy@bbcinternational.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Chesapeake Culebra Bluff SWD #1

Mike,

During a file review, it was discovered that a Final C-141 was not submitted for this leak therefore, I have attached one for your files.

Thanks, Cliff

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**From:** <Bratcher>, <Mike>, Mike Bratcher <[Mike.Bratcher@state.nm.us](mailto:Mike.Bratcher@state.nm.us)>  
**To:** Cliff Brunson <[cbrunson@bbcinternational.com](mailto:cbrunson@bbcinternational.com)>  
**Cc:** Ken Swinney <[kswinney@bbcinternational.com](mailto:kswinney@bbcinternational.com)>, Bradley Blevins <[bradley.blevins@chk.com](mailto:bradley.blevins@chk.com)>, Jennifer Gilkey <[jgilkey@bbcinternational.com](mailto:jgilkey@bbcinternational.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Chesapeake Culebra Bluff SWD #1

Cliff,

The method of remediation for this site, as proposed, is approved. Please provide the District office 48 hours notification prior to obtaining samples where analyses of samples obtained are to be submitted to OCD.

As always, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

Sincerely,

Mike Bratcher  
NMOCD District 2  
1301 W. Grand Ave.  
Artesia, NM 88210  
575-748-1283 Ext. 108  
[mike.bratcher@state.nm.us](mailto:mike.bratcher@state.nm.us)

**From:** Cliff P. Brunson [<mailto:cbrunson@bbcinternational.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 3:28 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Ken Swinney; Bradley Blevins; Jennifer Gilkey  
**Subject:** Chesapeake Culebra Bluff SWD #1

Mike,

Per our discussion yesterday, Sept. 16, 2009, this e-mail is to confirm the remediation plan for the above referenced site. If you concur, please reply back with your approval to proceed.

On the Culebra, we will remove soil in the area of sample points 3, 4, and 6 to a depth of 1 foot and in the area of sample points 1 and 2, we will remove 3 feet of soil. We will collect and submit one composite sample of the area to be analyzed for TPH and BTEX per your request. The site will then be backfilled with clean soil. A final C-141 and the lab data will be submitted upon the completion of remediation activities.

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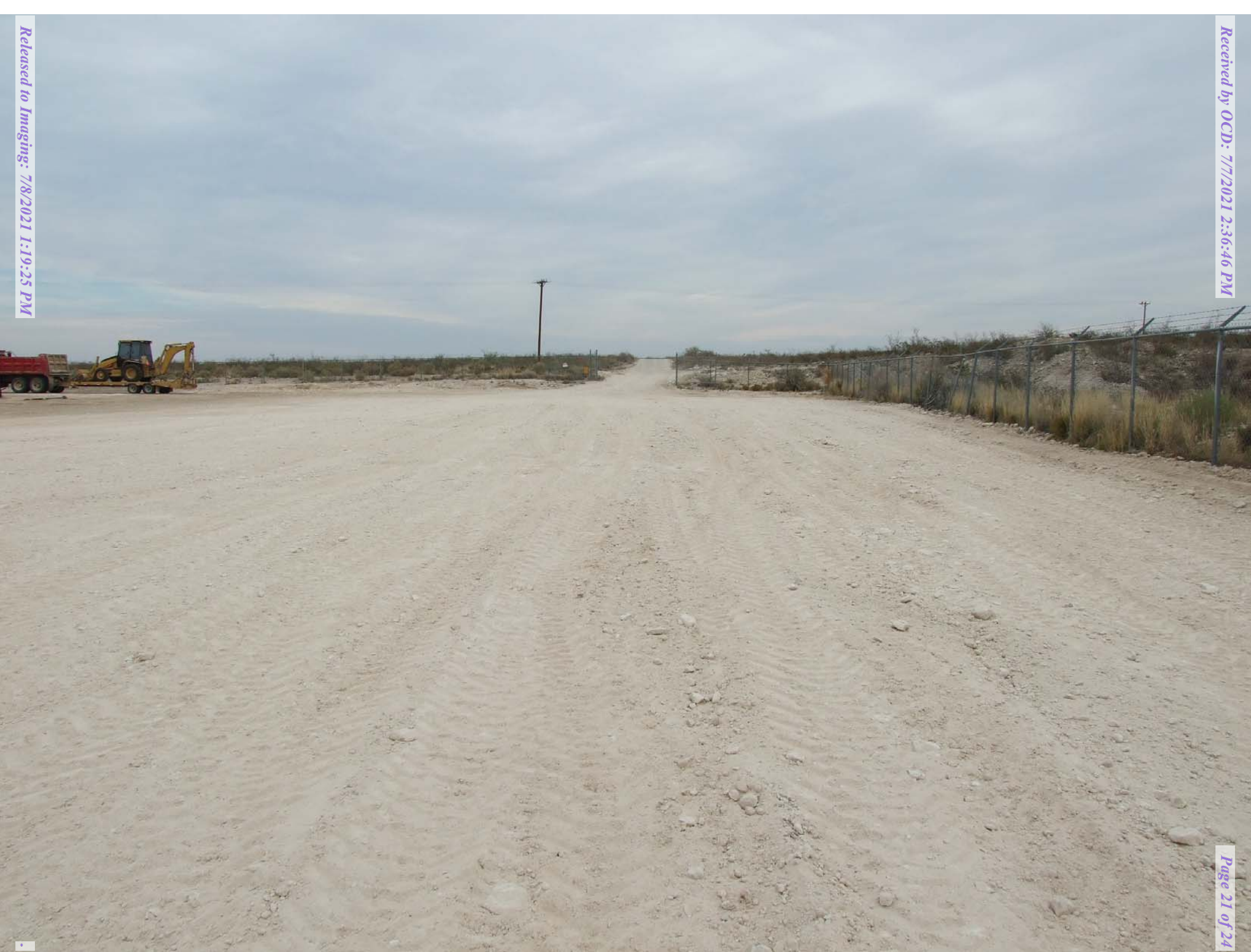
















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## Release Notification and Corrective Action

### OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

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Surface Owner	Mineral Owner	Lease No.
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Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?			
		Mike Bratcher			
By Whom?	Bradley Blevins	Date and Hour	07/29/09 10:00 AM		
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.\*

Lightning strike caused a fire and 5 fiberglass tanks burned releasing produced water in a lined battery area. Vacuum trucks were used to recover free fluid.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

906 BBLS of fluid was recovered. Soil removal was conducted per NMOCD approval and site backfilled with a confirmation sample per approval from M. Bratcher of the NMOCD on September 18, 2009.

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: BRADLEY BLEVINS		Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title: EHS Specialist		Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: bradley.blevins@chk.com		Conditions of Approval:	
Date: 6/20/12	Phone: 575-391-1462	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

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CONDITIONS  
  
Action 35357

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Operator: CHEVRON U S A INC 6301 Deauville Blvd Midland, TX 79706	OGRID: 4323
	Action Number: 35357
	Action Type: [C-141] Release Corrective Action (C-141)

CONDITIONS

Created By	Condition	Condition Date
bbillings	None	7/8/2021