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QUESTIONS

Action 95129

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Operator: BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC 104 S Pecos Midland, TX 79701	OGRID: 260297
	Action Number: 95129
	Action Type: [NOTIFY] Notification Of Release (NOR)

QUESTIONS

Location of Release Source	
<i>Please answer all of the questions in this group.</i>	
Site Name	Mesa B 22-25 Tank Battery
Date Release Discovered	03/31/2022
Surface Owner	Federal

Incident Details	
<i>Please answer all of the questions in this group.</i>	
Incident Type	Oil Release
Did this release result in a fire or is the result of a fire	Yes
Has this release reached or does it have a reasonable probability of reaching a watercourse	No
Has this release endangered or does it have a reasonable probability of endangering public health	No
Has this release substantially damaged or will it substantially damage property or the environment	No
Is this release of a volume that is or may with reasonable probability be detrimental to fresh water	No

Nature and Volume of Release	
<i>Material(s) released, please answer all that apply below. Any calculations or specific justifications for the volumes provided should be attached to the follow-up C-141 submission.</i>	
Crude Oil Released (bbls) Details	Cause: Human Error Pump Crude Oil Released: 155 BBL Recovered: 130 BBL Lost: 25 BBL]
Produced Water Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l	Not answered.
Condensate Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Other Released Details	Not answered.
Are there additional details for the questions above (i.e. any answer containing Other, Specify, Unknown, and/or Fire, or any negative lost amounts)	A transfer pump was left on and pushed at least 155 BO to the flare. Some of the oil was burned at the flare, but the fire was doused by the continuous stream of oil which accumulated at the flare inside an earthen fire wall. The earthen containment filled with oil that overflowed off of the pad and onto surrounding pasture. Additionally, some oil was sprayed from the flare and onto vegetation immediately adjacent to the tank battery pad. Aerial photos have been taken and will be used to update the volume of the oil release.

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Nature and Volume of Release (continued)	
Is this a gas only submission (i.e. only significant Mcf values reported)	No, according to supplied volumes this does not appear to be a "gas only" report.
Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC	Yes, major release.
Reasons why this would be considered a submission for a notification of a major release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unauthorized release of a volume, excluding gases, of 25 barrels or more • This release resulted in a fire or was the result of a fire
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, by whom	Bob Hall
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, to whom	NMOCD via the Permitting Website
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, when	03/31/2022
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, by what means (phone, email, etc.)	By filing this NOR via NMOCD Permitting Website
<i>With the implementation of the 19.15.27 NMAC (05/25/2021), venting and/or flaring of natural gas (i.e. gas only) are to be submitted on the C-129 form.</i>	

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	True
The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment	True
Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices	True
All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately	True
If all the actions described above have not been undertaken, explain why	Not answered.

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 prepare and attach a narrative of actions to date in the follow-up C-141 submission. 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 prepare and attach all information needed for closure evaluation in the follow-up C-141 submission.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that I am authorized to submit notification of a releases on behalf of my operator.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that upon submitting this application, I will be creating a new incident file (assigned to my operator) to track the notification(s) and corrective action(s) for a release, pursuant to NMAC 19.15.29.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that creating a new incident file will require my operator to file subsequent submission(s) of form "C-141, Application for administrative approval of a release notification and corrective action", pursuant to NMAC 19.15.29.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge the fact that 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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge the fact that, 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.

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
bob hall	When submitting future reports regarding this release, please submit the calculations used or specific justification for the volumes reported on the initial C-141.	3/31/2022