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Release Notification

Responsible Party

Responsible Party: Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC	OGRID: 372920
Contact Name: Kurt A. Shipley	Contact Telephone: 405-286-3916
Contact email: kshipley@novoog.com	Incident # (assigned by OCD): nAPP2132562482
Contact mailing address: 1001 West Wilshire Blvd., Suite 206	
Oklahoma City, OK 73116	

Location of Release Source

Latitude <u>32.34103</u>

Longitude <u>-104.084188</u>

(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name: Culebra Bluff CTB3 (before San Mateo Meter)	Site Type: Produced Water Line (production)
Date Release Discovered: 11/20/2021 at 1:00am	API# (if applicable)

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
	4	T22S	R28E	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)			
Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)	
Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls): 660	Volume Recovered (bbls): 150	
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	Yes No	
Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)	
Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)	
Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)	
Cause of Release			
A break on a permanent produced water pipeline occurred at camel back riser above ground. Pump rate of produced water: 17,000 bbl/day = 708 bbl/hour = 12 bbl/min Pumping during release for 55 minutes			
Volume: 12 bbl/min X 55 minutes = 660 bbls (27,720 gallons) estimated to have been released			

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Was this a major release as defined by	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release?
19.15.29.7(A) NMAC?	Calculated volume of the release was 660 bbls of produced water, which is greater than the 25 bbl threshold defining a major release.
🛛 Yes 🗌 No	
If YES, was immediate n	otice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)?

Immediate notification was provided by Kurt Shipley on November 20, 2021 at 2:00pm by phone. Notification was made to the NMOCD – Artesia Office (575.703.3842). A recorded message was provided on the hotline voicemail (a specific person did not answer). Bryan Haney with Altamira-US (on behalf of Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC.) submitted notification of a release (NOR) on the online OCD system on November 21, 2021.

Initial Response

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

 \boxtimes The source of the release has been stopped.

 \boxtimes 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:

All actions above have been completed.

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: Kurt A. Shipley	Title: Chief Operating Officer
Signature:	Date: December 2, 2021
email: <u>kshipley@novoog.com</u>	Telephone: <u>405-286-3916</u>
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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?		
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse?	🗌 Yes 🛛 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)?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church?	🗌 Yes 🛛 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?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
Are the lateral extents of the release within 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
Are the lateral extents of the release within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of a wetland?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
Are the lateral extents of the release overlying a subsurface mine?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
Are the lateral extents of the release overlying an unstable area such as karst geology?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
Are the lateral extents of the release within a 100-year floodplain?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
Did the release impact areas not on an exploration, development, production, or storage site?	🖂 Yes 🗌 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

 \boxtimes Depth to water determination

Determination of water sources and significant watercourses within ¹/₂-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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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- Altamira Altamira-US, LLC
- Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC
- bgs below ground surface
- bbl barrels
- mg/kg milligram per kilogram
- NMOCD New Mexico Oil Conservation District
- TPH Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons
- BTEX Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC (Novo Oil & Gas) (OGRID No. 372920) operates a facility referred to as "Culebra Fluff CTB3" located in field name Purple Sage – Wolfcamp, T23S, R28E, Section 4, Quarter NE, in Eddy County, New Mexico. On November 20, 2021, field personnel for Novo Oil & Gas discovered a release of produced water from a permanent produced water line. The produced water line and point of release is located in an open area between the Goonch Pad H and Goonch CTB3 operational pads. The release area is located approximately one mile southwest of the intersection of Highway 605 and Herradura Bend Road at latitude N32.34103, longitude W-104.084188 (Figure 1 and Figure 2). This Remediation & Reclamation Plan has been prepared to outline proposed remediation efforts for the cleanup of chlorides in soil.

1.1 Release Details and Initial Response

On November 20, 2021, at approximately 1:00 am a release of produced water occurred as a result of a break on the permanent produced water pipeline at the camel back riser located above the ground surface. Approximately 660 barrels of produced water was released into the area between the Goonch Pad H and Goonch CTB3 operational pads. The release of produced water from the camel back riser piping extended generally to the south and east across the lower lying area. The release area is depicted on **(Figure 3)**.

The release of produced water was identified by Novo Oil & Gas personnel and steps were taken to mitigate further release and contain and remove pooled areas of produced water. Novo Oil & Gas estimated approximately 660 barrels of produced water was released and approximately 150 barrels of produced water was recovered using vacuum trucks. The justification for the quantity release is based on the following:

- Pump rate of produced water: 17,000 bbl per day = 708 bbl per hour = 12 bbl per minute
- Pump ran for approximately 55 minutes during release
- Volume: 12 bbl per minute x 55 minutes = 660 bbl of produced water

The area of the release between the two pads contains numerous buried pipelines, pipeline right-of-ways, and construction right-of-ways. Soil assessment activities were conducted to the best extent possible while adhering to safety requirements from the various pipeline companies.

1.2 Notification

Based on the quantity of produced water released being greater than 25 barrels, the release was determined to be a major release per 19.15.29.7.A NMAC. Immediate notification was provided by Kurt Shipley to the NMOCD and BLM hotlines on November 20, 2021. The initial online release notification was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation District (NMOCD) on November 21, 2021. The OCD issued incident ID# nAPP2132562482. Form C-141 Release Notification was prepared and submitted online with payment on December 2, 2021. Written notification of the release (BLM Major Undesirable Event Report) was also provided to the BLM.

1.3 **Project Objectives**

The project objectives are: 1) conduct soil remediation for chlorides and 2) complete restoration and reclamation of site area.

1.4 Regulatory Framework

The Site is subject to environmental regulatory oversight by the NMOCD and regulations set forth in Title 19, Chapter 15, Part 29. Remediation, Restoration, and Reclamation activities will be conducted in accordance with guidelines outlined in 19.15.29 NMAC.

2.0 STANDARD OF CARE, LIMITATIONS, & RELIANCE

2.1 Standard of Care

Altamira's services were performed in accordance with standards customarily provided by a firm rendering the same or similar services in the area during the same period of time. Altamira makes no warranties, expressed or implied, as to the services performed hereunder. Additionally, Altamira does not warrant the work of laboratories, regulatory agencies, or other third parties supplying information used in the preparation of the report.

2.2 Additional Limitations

Findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from these services are based upon information derived from the services performed under this scope of work and it should be noted that this information is subject to change over time. Certain indicators of the presence of hazardous substances, petroleum products, or other constituents may have been latent, inaccessible, unobservable, or not present during these services, and Altamira cannot represent that the Site contains no hazardous substances, toxic materials, petroleum products, or other latent conditions beyond those identified during this scope of services. Environmental conditions at other areas or portions of the Site may vary from those encountered at actual sample locations. Altamira's findings and recommendations are based solely upon data available to Altamira at the time of these services.

3.0 ASSESSMENT RESULTS AND SUMMARY

3.1 Initial Actions and Soil Assessment Summary

Atlamira on behalf of Novo Oil & Gas conducted the first round of soil assessment activities January 25-26, 2022, in the area of the produced water release to determine the degree of impact to soil. A total of 21 soil borings were installed to attempt to delineate the vertical and lateral extent of potential constituents of concern. Eleven soil borings (SB-2 – SB-11 and SB-12) were installed within the source/release area. Ten soil borings were installed to determine the lateral extent of potential impacts to soil (SB-1 and SB-13 – SB-21) (Figure 3). Installation of soil borings using a drill rig during the January 2022 assessment was limited to soil boring locations SB-1 and SB-2 due to significant construction and presence of numerous underground pipelines in the area.

Remaining soil borings were installed using a stainless-steel hand auger (but depth limited due to rocky lithologic matrix).

During April 27-28, 2022, Altamira conducted additional soil assessment activities in select locations to better determine the vertical and lateral extent of chlorides in soil. Soil boring SB-2 was resampled to achieve vertical delineation near the point of release. Eight additional soil borings were installed at previous shallow soil boring locations to determine the vertical extent of chlorides in soil. Two new soil borings were installed (SB-22 and SB-23) for lateral delineation of chlorides in soil. Soil borings were installed using a combination of solid flight auger and air rotary drilling methods due to the rocky lithologic matrix.

Soil samples were collected continuously from the surface to the total depth of each soil boring. Representative soil/rock from each one to two-foot interval was placed into a plastic bag, allowed to equilibrate and field screened with a photo-ionization detector (PID) for the presence of organic vapors. Soil samples were lithologically described and observations noted on soil boring logs. Soil samples were collected and submitted for laboratory analysis generally from the surface to the total depth of each soil boring in one to two-foot sample intervals. Soil samples were placed in laboratory provided containers, labeled, and maintained/preserved on ice in an insulated cooler with chain-of-custody documentation.

The soil sample analysis was initially conducted on the first two shallow depth sample intervals. If a constituent of concern exceeded the Assessment/Closure Criteria set forth 19.15.29 NMAC then the constituent in the next deeper sample interval was also analyzed until vertical delineation was achieved. Soil samples were submitted to Pace Analytical National in Mount Juliet, Tennessee for analysis. Soil samples were collected and submitted for analysis for the following:

- Chlorides Method 4500 CI-B
- TPH (GRO, DRO, MRO) EPA SW-846 Method 8015M
- BTEX EPA SW-846 Method 8260B

The initial soil sample interval 0-1 foot was analyzed for chlorides, TPH, and BTEX. If a constituent exceeded the allowable assessment/cleanup level, that constituent was analyzed in the next deeper sample interval.

Following installation of soil borings, White Drilling Company plugged each borehole per the specifications provided in the Well Plugging Plan and approved by the State of New Mexico Office of the State Engineer. Soil borings were plugged using a Type I/II cement-bentonite slurry per the specifications and tremied from the bottom of the borehole to the surface. A plugging record for soil boring SB-1 was provided to the State of New Mexico Office of the State Engineer.

There is a significant safety concern in the general release area due to the numerous underground pipelines located at various depths below ground surface, active right-of-way, and active construction right-of-way. Placement of soil borings in some areas was limited.

3.2 Chloride Results Discussion

Analytical results for chlorides within the release area ranged from <9.62 mg/kg to 14,700 mg/kg **(Table 1)**. Chloride concentrations exceeded 600 mg/kg in soil samples at soil borings SB-2, SB-3, SB-5, SB-6, SB-7, SB-8, SB-9, SB-11, SB-12, SB-22, and SB-23. The approximate lateral

extent of the chloride impacted soil is depicted on **Figure 4**. It appears that the produced water followed general topography within the release area and may have pooled in lower lying areas. It should also be noted that general lithology consisted of a mix of silt-sand and rock, which may have also aided in the infiltration of produced water to deeper soil intervals. Chloride impacts appeared the deepest at soil borings SB-2 (near point of release) and SB-8. Vertical delineation has been achieved for chlorides at each soil boring location.

Soil borings were installed radially outward from the known impact area. Soil sample data for chlorides for these soil borings generally show lateral delineation and lack of impacts in the shallower soil profile. Soil borings SB-1 and SB-13 show delineation of chlorides to the north and northwest of the release area. Soil borings SB-19 and SB-20 show lateral delineation of chlorides in the shallower soil intervals to the west of the release area. SB-10, SB-17, SB-18, and SB-21 show lateral delineation of chloride impacts to the southeast near SB-7 and SB-11. There is some lack of lateral delineation east of SB-8 and SB-23; and west/south/east of SB-5 and SB-22. As a result, Novo will complete any lateral delineation as part of the post excavation confirmation soil sampling and treatment program provided below. This will continue until analytical data results show chloride concentration action levels have been achieved.

3.3 TPH Results Discussion

TPH was analyzed on the initial shallowest soil sample from each soil boring. TPH was fractionated into the GRO/DRO/MRO ranges. For the purpose of assessment and in accordance with regulatory guidance, TPH concentrations were compared to an assessment level of 100 mg/kg. Analytical data results show total TPH concentrations above 100 mg/kg were present in soil samples SB-3 (0-1') and SB-3 (1-2') but attenuate to below 100 mg/kg in the 2-3' soil sample interval. Analytical results for TPH in all other soil samples show either low level concentrations of TPH below 100 mg/kg or non-detected concentrations below the laboratory reporting limit. Since TPH concentrations were below the applicable assessment level in all soil samples, analysis of TPH on deeper soil samples was not necessary.

3.4 BTEX Results Discussion

BTEX was analyzed on the initial shallowest soil sample from each soil boring. For the purpose of assessment and in accordance with regulatory guidance, benzene and total BTEX concentrations were compared to an assessment level of 10 mg/kg and 50 mg/kg, respectively. Analytical results show very low concentrations of benzene were detected only in soil samples SB-7 (0-1') and SB-8 (0-1') both of which were significantly below the 10 mg/kg assessment level. Benzene was not detected in any of the other soil samples submitted for laboratory analysis. BTEX concentrations were detected in soil samples from soil boring SB-7, SB-8, SB-11, SB-12, and SB-16; however, detected concentrations were below the applicable assessment level of 50 mg/kg. Total BTEX was not detected in any of the other soil samples submitted for laboratory analysis. Since benzene and total BTEX concentrations were below the applicable assessment level in all soil samples, analysis of benzene and total BTEX on deeper soil samples was not necessary and screened from further assessment.

4.0 REMEDIATION PLAN

Remediation of shallow soils along the general release flow path is necessary due to chlorides present in soil at concentrations greater than 600 mg/kg.

Although low level concentrations of TPH and BTEX were detected in certain assessment soil samples, Novo intends to request a variance for further analysis of TPH and BTEX in post excavation confirmation soil samples. Two soil borings will be advanced in the locations of the assessment soil borings showing the highest detected concentrations of TPH and BTEX (soil borings SB-3 (high TPH) and SB-8 (high BTEX)). At each soil boring location, Novo will collect soil samples (one-foot intervals) from the surface to four feet below ground surface for analysis of TPH and BTEX. Analytical data results will be compared to Table I – Closure Criteria. If results are below applicable closure criteria levels, Novo will submit the data and request for variance to exclude TPH and BTEX from further analysis during remediation.

Depth to groundwater has been determined to be present at approximately 47 feet below ground surface near the Site. Based on the depth to groundwater in the vicinity of the Site, the cleanup closure criteria for chlorides in soil is 600 mg/kg. Affected soil in the flow path areas will be excavated and removed at various depths based on soil assessment results and field post excavation soil sample results. The areas and approximate depth of proposed remediation are depicted on **Figure 5**.

Novo Oil & Gas will provide written notification to the OCD district office and BLM prior to start of field activities and two business days prior to confirmation soil sampling.

4.1 Estimated Affected Area Soil Volume

The estimated affected soil volume is based on analytical data results showing vertical delineation of chlorides in soil at each soil boring. The lateral extent is estimated based on lateral delineation data and will be verified during remediation by the use of confirmation soil sampling along excavated side-walls. If chloride concentrations along excavated side-walls or the floor exceed 600 mg/kg, the excavation along that side-wall or floor grid will be further excavated until confirmation soil sample results are below the cleanup criteria. Estimated affected soil volume calculations are provided on **Table 2** and total approximately 20,086 cubic yards.

4.2 Remediation Methodology

Novo Oil & Gas will utilize Altamira as their environmental consultant and will subcontract various construction and trucking companies to complete soil excavation, backfilling, and hauling of soil for disposal.

Prior to site work and subsurface digging, Novo, Altamira and subcontractors will conduct a New Mexico utility locate within 72 hours prior to site work. Altamira will track and document utility and pipeline companies and arrange for a meeting onsite to document utility/pipeline locations and understand potential safety requirements for excavation.

Altamira and contracted personnel will mobilize equipment and personnel to the Site to excavate each affected soil area depicted on **Figure 5**. Soil in each area will be excavated using heavy

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earth-moving equipment or by hydro-excavation. Since the release area lies within an area containing numerous underground pipelines, it has been determined that other pipeline companies will require soil excavation be conducted in the vicinity of their pipelines using hydro-excavation methods.

Excavated soil will be direct loaded to 17-20 yard trucks and may be temporarily stockpiled as necessary ahead of loading.

Each truck of soil loaded and transported for disposal will be accompanied with a manifest or bill of laden document so that the soil is tracked and documented for final disposal at the disposal facility. Soil will be disposed of at the Lea Land, LLC facility located at Mile Marker 64, US Highway 62/180 East or at the R360 Hobbs Halfway Facility located at 4507 W. Carlsbad Highway.

4.3 Post Excavation Confirmation Native Soil Sampling Methodology

Following excavation of each area, confirmation soil sampling of the "native soil" will be conducted per 19.15.29.12 (D)(1). A five-point composite soil sample will be collected every 200 square feet for each sidewall and floor of the excavation. Representative soil from each of the five points (per composite) will be mixed and placed into laboratory provided containers, labeled, and maintained on ice in an insulated cooler. Confirmation soil samples will be submitted to Cardinal Laboratories for analysis of chloride using EPA Method 4500 Cl-B. Post-excavation confirmation soil sample quantities were calculated for ten distinct excavation areas (based on approximated vertical depth of soil excavation). A summary of each area and the calculated number of confirmation soil samples is provided on **Table 3**.

The established closure criteria for chlorides in soil (upper four feet) is 600 mg/kg since the area is not on a well pad area. Closure criteria for chlorides in soil below four feet, based on depth to water less than 51 feet at the site, is also 600 mg/kg. Confirmation soil sample results with a concentration less than 600 mg/kg will indicate remediation of chlorides in soil is complete. If the concentration of chlorides in a particular soil sample is greater than 600 mg/kg, the area will be further excavated and then re-sampled. This methodology will be implemented until chloride affected soil is removed to concentrations less than 600 mg/kg. As previously discussed, based on soil assessment data results, Novo will collect additional soil samples for analysis of TPH and BTEX. If results are below established cleanup levels, Novo will request a technical variance to exclude the laboratory analysis for TPH and BTEX from further consideration.

4.4 Backfill Activities

Prior to use of backfill soil material, representative soil samples will be collected from the borrow area to confirm the chloride concentration of the borrow material is less than 600 mg/kg. Following completion of soil excavation activities and post excavation confirmation soil sampling, the area will be backfilled using native soils from the general area.

5.0 RESTORATION, RECLAMATION & RE-VEGETATION

Following completion of affected soil remediation and confirmation soil sampling, Novo Oil & Gas will restore the excavated areas to the condition that existed prior to the release. This will include

the replacement of removed soil, reclamation to original grade, and re-vegetation with native grass species.

5.1 **Proposed Restoration**

Following excavated and permanent removal of chloride affected soils and obtaining confirmation soil sample results for chlorides in soil below 600 mg/kg, native backfill soil will be placed back into the respective excavation areas and compacted on 9 to 12-inch lifts. Final soil cover will be placed to match the sites existing grade to prevent ponding of water and erosion. Site personnel will inspect the area on a weekly basis to monitoring the final cover/grade.

5.2 **Proposed Reclamation & Re-vegetation**

Currently, pre-disturbed areas within the immediate area consists of spars vegetation including weeds and low brush forming plants. Approximately 60-75% of the ground surface consists of native soil and broken rock.

Following placement of the top layer, native seed mixtures will be spread and watered to support growth. Per NMOCD 19.15.29.13 (D)(3) reclamation of disturbed areas will be considered complete when the uniform vegetation cover has been established that reflects a life-form ratio of plus or minus fifty percent of pre-disturbed levels and a total percent plant cover of at least seventy percent of pre-disturbed levels. This results in an approximate established re-growth of 25-30% of the ground surface (based on best estimate of site observations).

Novo Oil & Gas will notify the NMOCD and BLM when reclamation and re-vegetation is complete and submit the final closure report and request final site closure.

6.0 PROPOSED REMEDIATION SCHEDULE AND TIMELINE

Upon NMOCD and BLM approval of this remediation and reclamation work plan, Novo Oil & Gas anticipates the following schedule:

- 15-30 days following approval finalize work plan and mobilize to site area
- 48 hours prior to start of field activities, notify NMOCD and BLM conduct soil excavation and disposal activities – estimating 40-60 days to complete
- 48 hours prior to confirmation soil sampling, notify NMOCD and BLM confirmation soil samples will be collected by area as the soil excavation of that area is deemed initially complete
- Following confirmation soil sample results demonstrate cleanup levels area met, backfilling activities will commence. This may be conducted area-by-area once the excavation area is cleared and as work space becomes available
- 10 days following completion of all backfill activities, seed the work area with native seed and hydrate
- remediation and reclamation complete, observe vegetation growth to meet state criteria
- Submit final closure once established vegetation growth meets regulated criteria



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Novo Culebra Bluff Release	Notes:	Site Location Map Culebra Bluff CTB3 – Produced Water Release nAPP2132562482		Date: 5/18/2022	Figure 2	
		Ed	dy County, New M Novo Oil & Gas			
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 TABLE 1

 Analytical Data Results Summary – Soil Assessment Samples (mg/kg)

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Analytical Data Results Summary - Soil Assessment Samples (mg/kg) Novo Oil Gas - Culebra Bluff CTB3 Produced Water Release (Discovered November 20, 2021) Near Loving, New Mexico

Analyte Method Table I - Closu	ire Criteria (0-4')	Chloride 300/4500-Cl-B 600	BTEX 8260B 50	Benzene 8260B 10	TPH (low) 8015D -	TPH (C10-28) 8015M -	TPH (C28-36) 8015M -	TPH 8015M 100
Sample ID	Sample Date							
	Sample Date							
Source Area S	oil Borings							
SB-2 (0-1')	1/25/2022	8,080	<0.00148	<0.00053	<0.616	33	54.5	87.5
SB-2 (2-3')	1/25/2022	3,570	<0.00155	<0.000556	<0.648	6.36	11.2	17.56
SB-2 (3-4')	1/25/2022	2,040						
SB-2 (4-5')	1/25/2022	2,290						
SB-2 (6-7')	1/25/2022	1,570						
SB-2 (8-9')	1/25/2022	2,380						
(SB-2 Resample	e Event)							
SB-2 (1-2')	4/28/2022	5,360						
SB-2 (3-4')	4/28/2022	2,640						
SB-2 (6-7')	4/28/2022	2,920						
SB-2 (9-10')	4/28/2022	3,200						
SB-2 (11-12')	4/28/2022	3,520						
SB-2 (13-14')	4/28/2022	480						
SB-3 (0-1')	1/25/2022	3,510	<0.00162	<0.000581	<0.674	62.9	57.5	120.4
SB-3 (1-2')	1/25/2022	1,860	<0.00159	<0.000571	<0.663	94.6	77.1	171.7
SB-3 (2-3')	1/25/2022	205			0.755 (J)	14.5	7.76	23.015
SB-4 (0-1')	1/25/2022	11.2 (J)	<0.00141	<0.000506	<0.587	2.66 (J)	18.1	20.76
SB-4 (1-2')	1/25/2022	19 (J)	<0.00143	<0.000514	<0.598	3.5 (J)	9.92	13.42
SB-5 (0-1')	1/25/2022	5,620	<0.00154	<0.000552	<0.641	3.58 (J)	13.8	17.38
SB-5 (1-1.5')	1/25/2022	6,120	<0.00164	<0.00059	<0.685	5.87	19.5	25.37
SB-5 (3-4')	4/28/2022	1,800						
SB-5 (4-5')	4/28/2022	1,060						
SB-5 (6-7')	4/28/2022	768						
SB-5 (8-9')	4/28/2022	320						
SB-6 (0-1')	1/25/2022	1,270	<0.00156	<0.00056	<0.651	4.1 (J)	24.8	28.9
SB-6 (1-2')	1/25/2022	1,440	<0.00154	<0.000554	<0.644	3.47 (J)	18.4	21.87
SB-6 (3-4')	4/28/2022	1,060						
SB-6 (4-5')	4/28/2022	1,170						
SB-6 (6-7')	4/28/2022	416						
SB-6 (8-9')	4/28/2022	128						
SB-7 (0-1')	1/25/2022	3,300	0.000706 (J)	0.000706 (J)	<0.717	2.94	11.9	14.84
SB-7 (1-2')	1/25/2022	1,160	<0.00172	<0.000617	<0.717	<1.87	6.14	6.14
SB-7 (2-2.5')	1/25/2022	751	<0.0018	<0.000648	<0.753	2.97 (J)	7.78	10.75

Table 1 Analytical Data Results Summary - Soil Assessment Samples (mg/kg) Novo Oil Gas - Culebra Bluff CTB3 Produced Water Release (Discovered November 20, 2021) Near Loving, New Mexico

Analyte		Chloride	BTEX	Benzene	TPH (low)	TPH (C10-28)	TPH (C28-36)	TPH
Method		300/4500-CI-B	8260B	8260B	8015D	8015M	8015M	8015M
Table I - Closur	e Criteria (0-4')	600	50	10	-	-	-	100
SB-7 (3-4')	4/28/2022	480						
		<u> </u>						
SB-8 (0-1')	1/25/2022	14,700	0.011414 (J)	0.000734 (J)	<0.706	14.2	30.9	45.1
SB-8 (2-3')	4/28/2022	3,280						
SB-8 (3-4')	4/28/2022	2,320						
SB-8 (4-5')	4/28/2022	3,000						
SB-8 (8-9')	4/28/2022	864						
SB-8 (10-11')	4/28/2022	768						
SB-8 (12-13')	4/28/2022	208						
SB-9 (0-1')	1/25/2022	5,360	<0.00222	<0.000797	<0.926	3.35 (J)	5.68	9.03
SB-9 (1-2')	1/25/2022	4,110	<0.00182	<0.000653	<0.759	6.02	32.7	38.72
SB-9 (2-2.5')	1/25/2022	3,350						
SB-9 (3-4')	4/27/2022	1,400						
SB-9 (4-5')	4/27/2022	64						
SB-10 (0-1')	1/25/2022	39.7	<0.00188	<0.000676	<0.785	2.15 (J)	12	14.15
SB-10 (1-2')	1/25/2022	46	<0.00164	<0.000591	<0.687	3.04 (J)	19.2	22.24
SB-11 (0-1')	1/25/2022	5,980	0.00271 (J)	<0.000648	0.899 (J)	2.47 (J)	11.6	25.72
SB-11 (1-2')	1/25/2022	4,740	0.00157 (J)	<0.000654	<0.76	3.38 (J)	15.7	19.08
SB-11 (2-3')	1/25/2022	3,520						
SB-11 (3-4')	1/25/2022	2,740						
SB-11 (4-5')	4/28/2022	800						
SB-11 (6-7')	4/28/2022	1,140						
SB-11 (8-9')	4/28/2022	528						
SB-11 (10-11')	4/28/2022	592						
SB-12 (0-1')	1/26/2022	3,840	0.00135 (J)	<0.000524	<0.610	16.4	32.6	49
SB-12 (1-2)	4/28/2022	6,960						
SB-12 (2-3')	4/28/2022	3,800						
SB-12 (3-4')	4/28/2022	544						
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SB-1 (0-1')	1/25/2022	64.4	<0.00147	<0.000527	<0.612	<1.68	4.37	4.37
SB-1 (2-3')	1/25/2022	162	<0.00155	<0.000558	<0.648	15.3	47.3	62.6
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SB-13 (0-1')	1/26/2022	18.7	<0.00186	<0.000667	<0.774	<1.67	7.97	7.97
SB-13 (1-2')	1/26/2022	24.5	<0.00152	<0.000545	<0.635	3.2 (J)	17.1	20.3
SB-13 (3-4')	1/26/2022	234						
SB-14 (0-1')	1/26/2022	11.6 (J)	<0.00139	<0.000499	<0.579	1.68 (J)	11.1	12.78

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Analyte Method		Chloride 300/4500-CI-B	BTEX 8260B	Benzene 8260B	TPH (low) 8015D	TPH (C10-28) 8015M	TPH (C28-36) 8015M	ТРН 8015М
Table I - Closu	re Criteria (0-4')	600	50	10	-	-	-	100
SB-15 (0-1')	1/26/2022	13.7 (J)	<0.00142	<0.00051	<0.593	2.07 (J)	13.4	15.47
SB-15 (1-2')	1/26/2022	12.9 (J)	<0.00142	<0.00051	<0.593	2.04 (J)	14.2	16.24
SB-16 (0-1')	1/26/2022	28	0.00137 (J)	<0.000486	<0.565	2.91 (J)	18.2	21.11
SB-17 (0-1')	1/26/2022	15.8 (J)	<0.0015	<0.00054	<0.629	<1.69	10.9	10.9
SB-17 (1-2')	1/26/2022	12.3 (J)	<0.00148	<0.000532	<0.619	<1.71	11	11
SB-17 (2-3')	1/26/2022	<9.77						
SB-18 (0-1')	1/26/2022	25.5	<0.00155	<0.000557	<0.647	3.03 (J)	15.1	18,13
SB-18 (1-2')	1/26/2022	12.8 (J)	<0.00163	<0.000584	<0.680	2.21 (J)	9.26	11.47
SB-18 (2-3')	1/26/2022	12.5 (J)						
SB-18 (4-5')	4/28/2022	128						
SB-18 (6-7')	4/28/2022	496						
SB-19 (0-1')	1/26/2022	15.5 (J)	<0.00142	<0.000511	<0.593	2.87 (J)	19.7	22.57
SB-20 (0-1')	1/26/2022	<9.62	<0.00142	<0.00051	<0.592	<1.68	32.4	32.4
SB-20 (1-2')	1/26/2022	10.1 (J)	<0.00142	<0.000509	<0.591	<1.68	8.04	8.04
	4/00/0000		-0.00140	-0.00050	-0.040	0 4 7 4 10		40.05
SB-21 (0-1')	1/26/2022	14.9 (J)	<0.00148	<0.00053	<0.616	2.15 (J)	16.8	18.95
SB-21 (1-2')	1/26/2022	16.4 (J)	<0.00143	<0.000515	<0.599	<1.69	13.2	13.2
SB-22 (0-1')	4/28/2022	4,160						
SB-22 (2-3')	4/28/2022	3,080						
SB-22 (3-4')	4/28/2022	2,720						
SB-22 (6-7')	4/28/2022	64						
SB-22 (8-9')	4/28/2022	240						
SB-23 (0-1')	4/28/2022	6,880						
SB-23 (2-3')	4/28/2022	4,320						
SB-23 (3-4')	4/28/2022	400						

Notes:

All results are in mg/kg

Closure Criteria Soils - Table I of 19.15.29.12 NMAC

TPH - Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons - includes GRO, DRO, MRO

BTEX - Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes

< number is the SDL (not detected above the sample detection limit)

J - result is less than the MQL but greater than or equal to the SDL and the concentration is an estimated value

Bold indicates that a COC was detected

Shading indicates that a detected result exceeded the NMOCD Table 1 Closure Criteria Levels



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 TABLE 2

 Estimated Excavated Affected Soil Volume Calculations

Table 2

Estimated Excavated Affected Soil Volume Calculations Novo Oil Gas - Culebra Bluff CTB3 Produced Water Release (Discovered November 20, 2021) Near Loving, New Mexico

Areas of Soil Remediation - Estimated Soil Volume

Δrea	Approx Depth (ft)	l ength (ft)	Width (ft)	Depth (ft)	ft ³	vd ³
1	<u> </u>	00	70	2 2	50.400	1 967
	0	90	70	0	50,400	1,007
2	3	270	72	3	58,320	2,160
3	6	85	70	6	35,700	1,322
4	2	133	122	2	32,452	1,202
5	12	55	40	12	26,400	978
6	3	150	85	3	38,250	1,417
7	13	90	70	13	81,900	3,033
8	4	308	103	4	126,896	4,700
9	8	100	85	8	68,000	2,519
10	5	80	60	5	24,000	889
					Total:	20,086

Estimated Total Soil Volume: 20,086

Notes:

Refer to Figure 5 for Areas of Proposed Remediation and Depth Intervals

Volume is estimated based on Soil Assessment Results - actual volume may vary based on field conditions and post excavation sample results



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 TABLE 3

 Calculated Post Excavation Soil Sample Quantities

Table 3Calculated Post Excavation Soil Sample QuantitiesNovo Oil Gas - Culebra Bluff CTB3 Produced Water Release(Discovered November 20, 2021)Near Loving, New Mexico

Post Excavation Confirmation Soil Sample Per Area (1 per 200 ft²)

	<u>Ex</u>	cavation Floo	or Surface				<u>Excavation</u>	on Side Walls			
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
1	90	70	6 300	32	90	8	720	4	2	8	46
	50	10	0,000	02	70	8	560	3	2	6	40

	<u>Ex</u>	cavation Floc	or Surface				<u>Excavation</u>	on Side Walls			
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
2	270	72	19 440	98	270	3	810	4	2	8	110
_	210		10,110	00	72	3	216	2	2	4	

	<u>Ex</u>	cavation Floo	or Surface				<u>Excavation</u>	on Side Walls			
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
3	85	70	5 950	30	85	6	510	3	2	6	42
Ũ		10	0,000	00	70	6	420	3	2	6	

	<u>Ex</u>	cavation Floo	or Surface				<u>Excavation</u>	on Side Walls			
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
4	133	122	16 226	82	133	2	266	2	2	4	90
-	100	122	10,220	02	122	2	244	2	2	4	30

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	<u>Ex</u>	cavation Floo	or Surface				Excavation	on Side Walls			
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
5	55	40	2 200	11	55	12	660	4	2	8	25
0	00	40	2,200		40	12	480	3	2	6	20

Excavation Floor Surface											
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
6	150	85	12 750	64	150	3	450	3	2	6	74
5	100		.2,700	51	85	3	255	2	2	4	14

Excavation Floor Surface					Excavation Side Walls						
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
7	90	70	6 300	32	90	13	1,170	6	2	12	54
'	50	10	0,000	52	70	13	910	5	2	10	54

Excavation Floor Surface					Excavation Side Walls						
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
8	308	103	31 724	159	308	4	1,232	7	2	14	177
0	000	100	51,724	155	103	4	412	2	2	4	

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	<u>Ex</u>	cavation Floo	or Surface		Excavation Side Walls						
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
q	100	85	8 500	43	100	8	800	4	2	8	59
5	100	00	0,000	-10	85	8	680	4	2	8	

Excavation Floor Surface					Excavation Side Walls						
Area	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	Length (ft)	Depth (ft)	Area (ft ²)	1 sample per 200 feet ²	# of side walls	Side Wall Samples	Total Soil Samples for Area
10	80	60	4 800	24	80	5	400	2	2	4	32
10	00	00	4,000	24	60	5	300	2	2	4	52

Estimated Total Post Excavation Soil Samples Required: 7

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Notes:

Refer to Figure 5 for Areas of Proposed Remediation and Depth Intervals

Dimensions are estimated based on Soil Assessment Results - actual dimensions may vary based on field conditions and actual excavation areas Assumes one 5-point composite soil sample per each 200 ft² area (both excavation floor area and side walls)

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CONDITIONS

Operator:	OGRID:
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	Action Type:
	[C-141] Release Corrective Action (C-141)

CONDITIONS

Created By	Condition	Condition Date
rhamlet	The Remediation Plan is Conditionally Approved. Due to the extremely shallow groundwater and sensitive nature of the release location, the site will need to be remediated to the strictest closure criteria standards from Table 1 of the OCD Spill Rule. All samples must be analyzed for all constituents listed in Table 1 of 19.15.29.12 NMAC. Confirmation samples should be collected every 200 ft2. All off pad areas must meet reclamation standards set forth in the OCD Spill Rule. Sidewall samples should be delineated/excavated to 600 mg/kg for chlorides and 100 mg/kg for TPH to define the edge of the release. The work will need to occur in 90 days after the work plan has been approved.	4/24/2023

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