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QUESTIONS

Action 553212

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Operator: HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY 1111 Travis Street Houston, TX 77002	OGRID: 372171
	Action Number: 553212
	Action Type: [NOTIFY] Notification Of Release (NOR)

**QUESTIONS**

<b>Location of Release Source</b>	
<i>Please answer all the questions in this group.</i>	
Site Name	Federal 1-30
Date Release Discovered	02/11/2026
Surface Owner	Federal

<b>Incident Details</b>	
<i>Please answer all the questions in this group.</i>	
Incident Type	Release Other
Did this release result in a fire or is the result of a fire	No
Did this release result in any injuries	No
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

<b>Nature and Volume of Release</b>	
<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	Not answered.
Produced Water Released (bbls) Details	Cause: Human Error   Pipeline (Any)   Produced Water   Released: 5 BBL   Recovered: 0 BBL   Lost: 5 BBL.
Is the concentration of chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l	No
Condensate Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details	Cause: Human Error   Pipeline (Any)   Natural Gas Vented   Released: 1,700 Mcf   Recovered: 0 Mcf   Lost: 1,700 Mcf.
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)	On 2/11/2026 at 11:30 am (MT), a HEC lease operator was attempting to return a well back to production at the Mountain Ute Gas Com F 1 (30-045-21034). However, the operator opened a flowline (dog leg) that he thought was tied to the Mountain Ute Gas Com F 1, but was instead tied to a plugged and abandoned well (Federal 1-30) located approximately 3,600 ft to the E-SE. The product then travelled to the former Federal 1-30 and vented 1,700 mcf gas (and 4.63-bbl produced water) out of an open-ended pipeline (located immediately below the surface) onto the former pad. Upon further inspection by HEC personnel, the fluids soaked into the ground surface on the former pad and no product could be recovered. HEC was able to secure the spill source shortly after discovery of this oversight and shut-in the line segment. Corrective actions are pending at this time, but will involve permanently locking out this particular dog leg to prevent this from happening again.

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<b>Nature and Volume of Release (continued)</b>	
Is this a gas only submission (i.e. only significant Mcf values reported)	<b>Yes, according to supplied volumes this will be treated as a "gas only" report.</b>
Was this a major release as defined by Subsection A of 19.15.29.7 NMAC	<b>Yes</b>
Reasons why this would be considered a submission for a notification of a major release	<b>From paragraph A. "Major release" determine using: (3) an unauthorized release of gases exceeding 500 MCF.</b>
<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	<b>True</b>
The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment	<b>True</b>
Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices	<b>True</b>
All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately	<b>True</b>
If all the actions described above have not been undertaken, explain why	<i>Not answered.</i>

*Per Paragraph 4 of Subsection B of 19.15.29.8 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 release 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
mkillough	When submitting future reports regarding this release, please submit the calculations used or specific justification for the volumes reported on the initial C-141.	2/12/2026