

September 5, 2024

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Closure Request Baseball Cap 25P

Incident Number nAPP2422045419

Lea County, New Mexico

To Whom It May Concern:

Ensolum, LLC (Ensolum), on behalf of COG Operating, LLC (COG), has prepared this *Closure Request* to document the findings of a liner integrity inspection conducted at the Baseball Cap 25P (Site) following a release of produced water within a lined containment. Based on the liner integrity inspection activities, COG is submitting this *Closure Request*, describing assessment activities that have occurred and requesting no further action and closure for Incident Number nAPP2422045419.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND RELEASE SUMMARY

The Site is located in Unit P, Section 25, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, in Lea County, New Mexico (32.1840899°, -103.4175380°) and is associated with oil and gas exploration and production operations on private land.

On August 7, 2024, failure of a weld due to corrosion on the tank inlet flange resulted in the release of approximately 55 barrels (bbls) of produced water into a lined containment. A vacuum truck was dispatched to the Site to recover free-standing fluids and approximately 54 bbls were recovered. Following the release, the tank inlet flange was isolated and repaired. COG reported the release to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) on a *Release Notification Form C-141* (Form C-141) on August 7, 2024. The release was assigned Incident Number nAPP2422045419.

SITE CHARACTERIZATION AND CLOSURE CRITERIA

The Site was characterized for applicability of Table I, Closure Criteria for Soils Impacted by a Release, of Title 19, Chapter 15, Part 29 (19.15.29) of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC). Results from the characterization are summarized below and detailed in the NMOCD permitting portal Form C-141 Site Characterization section.

Depth to groundwater at the Site is estimated to be greater than 100 feet below ground surface (bgs) based on the nearest groundwater well data. The closest permitted groundwater well with depth to groundwater data is United States Geological Survey (USGS) permitted well 321039103243402, located approximately 3,222 southeast of the Site. The groundwater well has a reported depth to groundwater of 139 feet bgs and an unknown total depth. All wells used for depth to groundwater determination are presented on Figure 1 and the associated well records are included in Appendix A.

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The closest continuously flowing or significant watercourse to the Site is a riverine, located approximately 3,393 feet northeast of the Site. The Site is greater than 200 feet from a lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake and greater than 300 feet from an occupied residence, school, hospital, institution, church, or wetland. The Site is greater than 1,000 feet to a freshwater well or spring and is not within a 100-year floodplain or overlying a subsurface mine. The Site is not underlain by unstable geology (low potential karst designation area). Potential Site receptors are identified in Figure 1.

Based on the results of the Site Characterization, the following NMOCD Table I Closure Criteria (Closure Criteria) apply:

- Benzene: 10 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)
- Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX): 50 mg/kg
- Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)-gasoline range organics (GRO) and TPH-diesel range organics (DRO): 1,000 mg/kg
- TPH: 2,500 mg/kg
- Chloride: 20,000 mg/kg

LINER INTEGRITY INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

A 48-hour advance notice of the liner inspection was submitted to the NMOCD on August 14, 2024. Prior to conducting the liner integrity inspection, COG operations power washed the liner to remove dirt and debris and recover any residual produced water. A liner integrity inspection was conducted by Ensolum personnel on August 20, 2024. Upon inspection, no rips, tears, holes, or damage was observed. The liner was determined to be sufficient, and all released fluids have been removed. Photographic documentation of the inspection is included in Appendix B.

CLOSURE REQUEST

Liner integrity inspection activities were conducted following a release of produced water within a lined containment at the Site. A liner integrity inspection was conducted by Ensolum personnel on August 20, 2024. Upon inspection, no rips, tears, holes, or damage was observed, and the liner was determined to be sufficient. The release was contained laterally by the lined containment and the liner was performing as designed. Based on initial response efforts and the liner operating as designed, COG respectfully requests closure for Incident Number nAPP2422045419.



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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Daniel R. Moir at (303) 887-2946 or dmoir@ensolum.com.

Sincerely, **Ensolum**, **LLC**

David McInnis Project Geologist

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Daniel R. Moir, PG (licensed in WY & TX) Senior Managing Geologist

Cc: Jacob Laird

Appendices:

Figure 1 Site Receptor Map Figure 2 Release Map

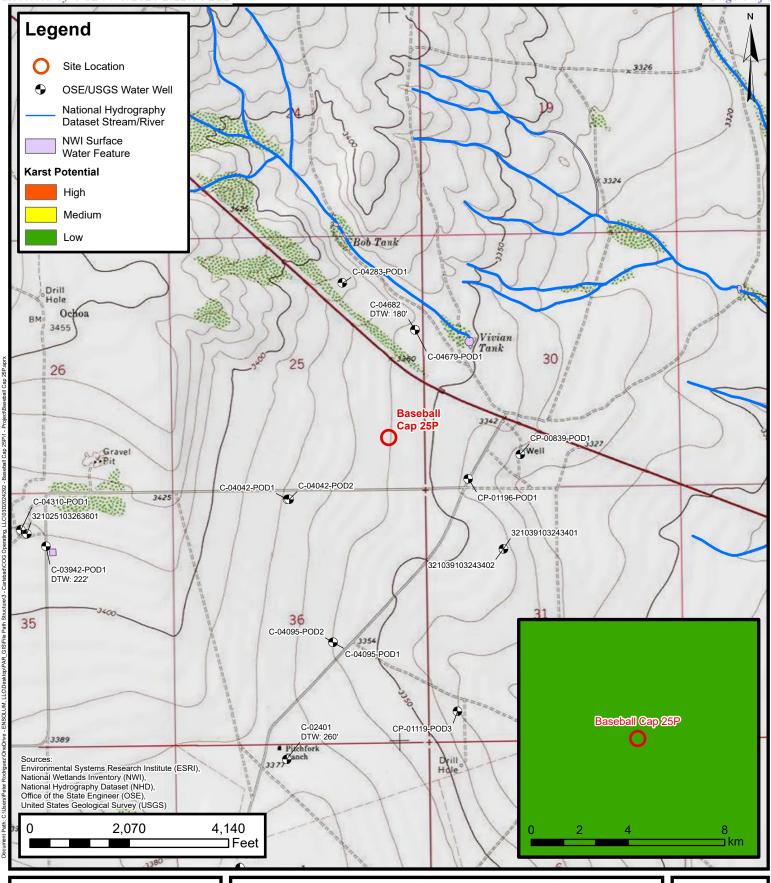
Appendix A Referenced Well Records

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FIGURES





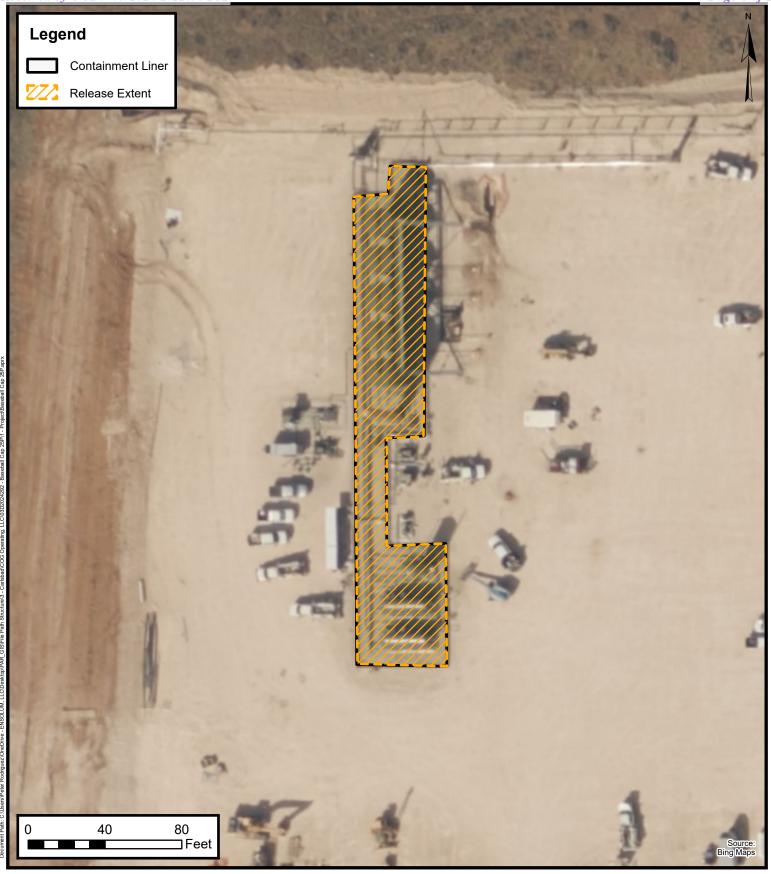
Site Receptor Map

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Unit P, Sec 25, T 24S, R 34E Lea County, New Mexico FIGURE

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Release Map

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Unit P, Sec 25, T 24S, R 34E Lea County, New Mexico FIGURE 2



APPENDIX A

Referenced Well Records



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Search Results -- 1 sites found

Agency code = usgs

site_no list =

• 321039103243402

Minimum number of levels = 1

Save file of selected sites to local disk for future upload

USGS 321039103243402 24S.35E.30.342331

Lea County, New Mexico
Latitude 32°10'39", Longitude 103°24'34" NAD27
Land-surface elevation 3,343 feet above NAVD88
The depth of the well is 176 feet below land surface.

This well is completed in the Other aquifers (N9999OTHER) national aquifer.

This well is completed in the Chinle Formation (231CHNL) local aquifer.

Output formats

Reselect period										
Date	Time	? Water- level date- time accuracy	? Parameter code	Water level, feet below land surface	Water level, feet above specific vertical datum	Referenced vertical datum	? Status	? Method of measurement	? Measuring agency	? Source measu
1970-12-08	3	D	62610		3201.64	NGVD29	1	Z		
1970-12-08	3	D	62611		3203.19	NAVD88	1	Z		
1970-12-08	3	D	72019	139.81			1	Z		
1976-01-15	5	D	62610		3202.27	NGVD29	1	Z		
1976-01-15	5	D	62611		3203.82	NAVD88	1	Z		
1976-01-15	5	D	72019	139.18			1	Z		
1981-03-20)	D	62610		3201.85	NGVD29	1	Z		
1981-03-20)	D	62611		3203.40	NAVD88	1	Z		
1981-03-20)	D	72019	139.60			1	Z		

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Section	Code	Description
Water-level date-time accuracy	D	Date is accurate to the Day
Parameter code	62610	Groundwater level above NGVD 1929, feet
Parameter code	62611	Groundwater level above NAVD 1988, feet

Section	Code	Description
Parameter code	72019	Depth to water level, feet below land surface
Referenced vertical datum	NAVD88	North American Vertical Datum of 1988
Referenced vertical datum	NGVD29	National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929
Status	1	Static
Method of measurement	Z	Other.
Measuring agency		Not determined
Source of measurement		Not determined
Water-level approval status	А	Approved for publication Processing and review completed.

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APPENDIX B

Photographic Log

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Photograph: 1 Date: 8/7/2024

Description: Free standing fluids inside containment

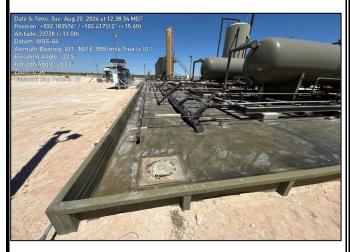
View: South



Photograph: 2 Date: 8/20/2024

Description: Liner inspection activities, liner condition

View: Southwest



Photograph: 3 Date: 8/20/2024

Description: Liner inspection activities, liner condition

View: Northeast



Photograph: 4 Date: 8/20/2024

Description: Liner inspection activities, liner condition

View: Northwest



APPENDIX C NMOCD

Correspondence

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[**EXTERNAL EMAIL**]

For the Baseball cap 25P liner inspection

I appreciate you,

Jacob Laird | Environmental Engineer, DBE | ConocoPhillips C: 575-703-5482

From: OCDOnline@state.nm.us <OCDOnline@state.nm.us>

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 10:02 AM

To: Laird, Jacob < Jacob.Laird@conocophillips.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has accepted the application, Application ID:

373770

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To whom it may concern (c/o Jacob Laird for COG OPERATING LLC),

The OCD has received the submitted *Notification for Liner Inspection for a Release* (C-141L), for incident ID (n#) nAPP2422045419.

The liner inspection is expected to take place:

When: 08/20/2024 @ 09:00

Where: P-25-24S-34E 0 FNL 0 FEL (32.182233,-103.418776)

Additional Information: dmcinnis@ensolum.com

Additional Instructions: Baseball Cap 25P (32.182233 -103.5418776)

An OCD representative may be available onsite at the date and time reported. In the absence or presence of an OCD representative, liner inspection pursuant to 19.15.29.11.A(5)(a) NMAC is required. Should there be a change in the scheduled date and time of the sampling event, then another notification should be resubmitted through OCD permitting as soon as possible.

• Failure to notify the OCD of liner inspections including any changes in date/time per the requirements of 19.15.29.11.A(5)(a)(ii) NMAC, may result in the inspection not being accepted.

If you have any questions regarding this application, or don't know why you have received this email, please contact us.

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COG OPERATING LLC	229137
600 W Illinois Ave	Action Number:
Midland, TX 79701	381044
	Action Type:
	[C-141] Remediation Closure Request C-141 (C-141-v-Closure)

QUESTIONS

Prerequisites		
Incident ID (n#)	nAPP2422045419	
Incident Name	NAPP2422045419 BASEBALL CAP 25P @ 0	
Incident Type	Produced Water Release	
Incident Status	Remediation Closure Report Received	
Incident Facility	[fAPP2129337175] Baseball Cap 25P-BATTERY	

Location of Release Source				
Please answer all the questions in this group.				
Site Name Baseball Cap 25P				
Date Release Discovered	08/07/2024			
Surface Owner	Private			

Incident Details				
Please answer all the questions in this group.				
Incident Type	Produced Water Release			
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			

Nature and Volume of Release				
Material(s) released, please answer all that apply below. Any calculations or specific justifications fo	or the volumes provided should be attached to the follow-up C-141 submission.			
Crude Oil Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.			
Produced Water Released (bbls) Details	Cause: Other Water Tank Produced Water Released: 55 BBL Recovered: 54 BBL Lost: 1 BBL.			
Is the concentration of chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l	Yes			
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)	Not answered.			

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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 Subsection A of 19.15.29.7 NMAC	Yes
Reasons why this would be considered a submission for a notification of a major release	From paragraph A. "Major release" determine using: (1) an unauthorized release of a volume, excluding gases, of 25 barrels or more.
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.
Initial Response	
The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a s	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.
	I lation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please prepare and attach a narrative o ted or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of evaluation in the follow-up C-141 submission.
to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for release	knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD rules and regulations all operators are required ases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface

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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

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local laws and/or regulations.

I hereby agree and sign off to the above statement

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QUESTIONS

Site Characterization		
Please answer all the questions in this group (only required when seeking remediation plan approval and beyond). 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 in feet below ground surface (ft bgs)	Between 100 and 500 (ft.)	
What method was used to determine the depth to ground water	U.S. Geological Survey	
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water	No	
What is the minimum distance, between the closest lateral extents of the release ar	nd the following surface areas:	
A continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse	Between ½ and 1 (mi.)	
Any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)	Greater than 5 (mi.)	
An occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)	
A spring or a private domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes	Between ½ and 1 (mi.)	
Any other fresh water well or spring	Between ½ and 1 (mi.)	
Incorporated municipal boundaries or a defined municipal fresh water well field	Greater than 5 (mi.)	
A wetland	Between ½ and 1 (mi.)	
A subsurface mine	Greater than 5 (mi.)	
An (non-karst) unstable area	Greater than 5 (mi.)	
Categorize the risk of this well / site being in a karst geology	None	
A 100-year floodplain	Between ½ and 1 (mi.)	
Did the release impact areas not on an exploration, development, production, or storage site	No	

Remediation Plan	
Please answer all the questions that apply or are indicated. This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.	
Requesting a remediation plan approval with this submission	Yes
Attach a comprehensive report demonstrating the lateral and vertical extents of soil contamination	associated with the release have been determined, pursuant to 19.15.29.11 NMAC and 19.15.29.13 NMAC.
Have the lateral and vertical extents of contamination been fully delineated	Yes
Was this release entirely contained within a lined containment area	Yes
Per Subsection B of 19.15.29.11 NMAC unless the site characterization report includes completed efforts at remediation, the report must include a proposed remediation plan in accordance with 19.15.29.12 NMAC, which includes the anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation.	
On what estimated date will the remediation commence	08/19/2024
On what date will (or did) the final sampling or liner inspection occur	08/20/2024
On what date will (or was) the remediation complete(d)	08/20/2024
What is the estimated surface area (in square feet) that will be remediated	0
What is the estimated volume (in cubic yards) that will be remediated	0
These estimated dates and measurements are recognized to be the best guess or calculation at the time of submission and may (be) change(d) over time as more remediation efforts are completed.	

The OCD recognizes that proposed remediation measures may have to be minimally adjusted in accordance with the physical realities encountered during remediation. If the responsible party has any need to

significantly deviate from the remediation plan proposed, then it should consult with the division to determine if another remediation plan submission is required.

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Remediation Plan (continued)	
Please answer all the questions that apply or are indicated. This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.	
This remediation will (or is expected to) utilize the following processes to remediate / reduce contaminants:	
(Select all answers below that apply.)	
Is (or was) there affected material present needing to be removed	No
Is (or was) there a power wash of the lined containment area (to be) performed	Yes
OTHER (Non-listed remedial process)	No
Per Subsection B of 19.15.29.11 NMAC unless the site characterization report includes completed efforts at remediation, the report must include a proposed remediation plan in accordance with 19.15.29.12 NMAC	

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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.

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Liner Inspection Information	
Last liner inspection notification (C-141L) recorded	373770
Liner inspection date pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC	08/20/2024
Was all the impacted materials removed from the liner	Yes
What was the liner inspection surface area in square feet	2427

Remediation Closure Request	
Only answer the questions in this group if seeking remediation closure for this release because all remediation steps have been completed.	
Requesting a remediation closure approval with this submission	Yes
Have the lateral and vertical extents of contamination been fully delineated	Yes
Was this release entirely contained within a lined containment area	Yes
What was the total surface area (in square feet) remediated	8942
What was the total volume (cubic yards) remediated	0
Summarize any additional remediation activities not included by answers (above)	"Liner integrity inspection activities were conducted following a release of produced water within a lined containment at the Site. A liner integrity inspection was conducted by Ensolum personnel on August 20, 2024. Upon inspection, no rips, tears, holes, or damage was observed, and the liner was determined to be sufficient. The release was contained laterally by the lined containment and the liner was performing as designed."

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 (in .pdf format) including a scaled site map, sampling diagrams, relevant field notes, photographs of any excavation prior to backfilling, laboratory data including chain of custody documents o final sampling, and a narrative of the remedial activities. Refer to 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
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