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**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

*nMLB1125230955* OPERATOR  Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC <i>229137</i>	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	Skelly 973	Facility Type	Tank Battery

Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner		Lease No. (API#)	30-015-36283
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**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
B	21	17S	31E					Eddy

Latitude 32 49.547 Longitude 103 52.419

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release	Produced water	Volume of Release	300bbbs	Volume Recovered	299bbbs
Source of Release	4" nipple on filter pot	Date and Hour of Occurrence	08/12/2011	Date and Hour of Discovery	08/12/2011 6:30 p.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Mike Bratcher-OCD Jim Amos-BLM		
By Whom?	Josh Russo	Date and Hour	08/16/2011 2:33 p.m.		
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.\*

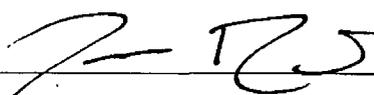
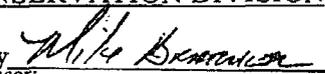
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

A 4" nipple failed on the filter pot causing the release of fluid. All nipples have been replaced.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Initially 300bbbs of fluid were released and we were able to recover 299bbbs of produced water. The entire release was contained inside the facility dike walls. This facility is completely lined with 40mil plastic. Contaminated gravel has been removed from the facility. Clean gravel has been added as necessary. The facility has been returned to its prior condition.

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:	Josh Russo	Signed By	
Title:	HSE Coordinator	Approved by District Supervisor:	
E-mail Address:	jrusso@conchoresources.com	Approval Date	SEP 09 2011
Date:	08/24/2011	Expiration Date:	NA
Phone:	432-212-2399	Conditions of Approval:	NA <i>Final</i>
		Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 24, 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; 'james\_amos@nm.blm.gov'  
**Subject:** C-141 Initial Report - Skelly 973 TB  
**Attachments:** SKELLY 973 TANK BATTERY -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 08-12-2011.pdf

Gentlemen,

Please see attached the C-141 Initial Report for a release that occurred on 08/12/2011 at the Skelly 973 TB. This is a lined facility.

Thank you,

**Joshua Russo**

HSE Coordinator  
550 W. Texas Ave, Suite 100  
Midland, Texas 79701  
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## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2011 1:33 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; 'james\_amos@nm.blm.gov'  
**Subject:** SKELLY #973 - Release Notification

Gentlemen,

Please see attached the detailed description of a release that occurred on 08/12/2011:

On 8-12-11 at 6:30pm, a 300bbl produced water spill was discovered at the Skelly#973 battery. A 4" nipple corroded and failed at the filter pot. All 300bbls was contained within the dike which is lined with 40mil plastic. The nipple was replaced and the battery returned to service. We were able to recover 299bbls of the released fluid. The gravel will be replaced as necessary and the liner will be cleaned. We will follow up with a C-141 Initial/Final Report.

GPS coordinates, legal description, and driving directions are below:

N32\* 49.547' W103\* 52.419'

Skelly #973

Sec.21, T17S, R31E

430'FNL 2435' FEL

Eddy co NM

API# 30-015-36283

Turn North on Sweetgum road, go 1 mile turn east .25 miles at Battery

Thank you,

### **Joshua Russo**

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