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**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

*NMLB 1125628040*

**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	Gehrig Federal Tank Battery	Facility Type	Tank Battery

Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner		Lease No. (API#)	<del>30-015-37687</del>
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**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

*30-015-37678*

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
P	9	26S	29E					Eddy

Latitude 32 03.094 Longitude 103 58.886

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release	Produced fluid	Volume of Release	890bbls	Volume Recovered	887bbls
Source of Release	Water tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence	<del>08/28/2011</del> <i>8/25/2011</i>	Date and Hour of Discovery	08/25/2011 7:00 a.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	08/25/2011 5:20 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.\*

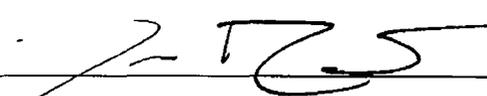
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

Casing valve was opened during the night causing both water tanks to overflow.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Initially 890bbls of produced fluid were released from the water tanks and we were able to recover 887bbls with vacuum trucks. All fluid was contained inside the tank battery walls. This facility is lined with a 40 mil plastic liner. The tanks and the liner have been steamed. Contaminated gravel has been removed and fresh gravel has been added as necessary. The tank battery 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 <i>Mike Bratcher</i> Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title:	HSE Coordinator	Approval Date:	SEP 13 2011
E-mail Address:	jrusso@conchoresources.com	Expiration Date:	NA
Date:	09/06/2011	Phone:	432-212-2399
		Conditions of Approval:	<i>NA</i> <i>Final</i>
		Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

*2RP-897*

**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 25, 2011 4:20 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; 'james\_amos@nm.blm.gov'  
**Subject:** Release Notification - Gehrig Federal #5H

Gentlemen,

Please see below the detailed description of a release that occurred at the Gehrig Federal #5H Tank Battery:

On 8-25-11, 7:00 am a 890 bbl spill was found on the Gehrig Federal #5H. The incident was caused by what appeared to foul play. Well was left shut in on the afternoon of 8-24-11. Upon arrival the next morning, the swab crew found casing valve open and well was flowing into water tanks causing overflow. Shut well in and called for vacuum trucks and start clean-up. This is a lined facility.

GPS coordinates, driving directions, and legal description below.

N 32\* 03.094 W 103\* 58.886

Gehrig Federal #5H

Sec. 9-T26S-R29E

South of Malaga on 285 to mile marker 4, T/E on Whitehorn Rd. Continue east to river, after crossing river go 5.8 miles to location on right side of road.

Thank you,

**Joshua Russo**

HSE Coordinator

550 W. Texas Ave, Suite 100

Midland, Texas 79701

Phone: (432) 683-7443

Cell: (432) 212-2399

[jrusso@conchoresources.com](mailto:jrusso@conchoresources.com)



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**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** jamos@blm.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, August 26, 2011 6:46 AM  
**To:** Joshua Russo  
**Cc:** 'james\_amos@nm.blm.gov'; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Re: Release Notification - Gehrig Federal #5H

Josh,

The BLM has received your e-mail. If all is contained inside the firewall you are good to proceed with your standard clean up for this type of event.  
thanks for the notice.

Joshua Russo  
<jrusso@concho.com>

08/25/2011 04:20  
PM

"Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD"  
<mike.bratcher@state.nm.us>,  
"james\_amos@nm.blm.gov"  
<james\_amos@nm.blm.gov>

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**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2011 3:52 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; 'james\_amos@nm.blm.gov'  
**Subject:** C-141 - Initial/Final Report - Gehrig Federal TB  
**Attachments:** GEHRIG FEDERAL TANK BATTERY -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 08-25-2011.pdf

Gentlemen,

Please see attached the C-141 Initial/Final Report for the Gehrig Tank Battery release that occurred on 08/25/2011 in a lined facility.

Thank you,

**Joshua Russo**

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