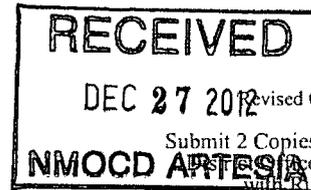


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Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003  
Submit 2 Copies to appropriate  
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side of form

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

*nJMW* 130154/975

**OPERATOR**

Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC 229/137	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	600 West Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	Empire Federal SWD #3	Facility Type	SWD

Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner		Lease No. (API#)	30-015-37831
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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
K	10	17S	29E					Eddy

Latitude 32.84736 Longitude 104.06480

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release	Produced water	Volume of Release	15bbbls	Volume Recovered	12bbbls
Source of Release	Ball valve on trucking load line	Date and Hour of Occurrence	12/14/2012	Date and Hour of Discovery	12/14/2012 7:00 a.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?			
By Whom?		Date and Hour.			
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.\*

The ball valve on the load line was partially left open causing a release of produced water. The ball valve has been closed.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Initially 15bbbls of produced water were released from the ball valve at the load line and we were able to recover 12bbbls with a vacuum truck. The location has been scraped and contaminated caliche has been hauled to disposal. Tetra Tech will sample the spill site area to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present a work plan to the NMOCD/BLM for approval prior to any significant remediation work.

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	Approved by District Supervisor:	Signed By
Title:	Senior Environmental Coordinator	Approval Date:	IAN 15 2013
E-mail Address:	jrusso@concho.com	Expiration Date:	
Date:	12/27/2012	Phone:	432-212-2399
		Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

2RP-1491

Remediation per OCD Rules &  
Guidelines. **SUBMIT REMEDIATION  
PROPOSAL NOT LATER THAN:  
February 15, 2013**

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Joshua Russo <jrusso@concho.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 27, 2012 3:16 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; James A Amos (jamos@blm.gov); Terry Gregston (tgregsto@blm.gov)  
**Cc:** Ike Tavarez (ike.tavarez@tetrattech.com); Robert Grubbs (Robert.Grubbs@tetrattech.com); Tom Franklin (tom.k.franklin@tetrattech.com)  
**Subject:** C-141 Initial Reports - Empire Federal SWD #3  
**Attachments:** EMPIRE FEDERAL SWD #3 -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 12-12-2012.pdf; EMPIRE FEDERAL SWD #3 -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 12-14-2012.pdf; EMPIRE FEDERAL SWD #3 -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 12-18-2012.pdf

Please see attached the C-141 Initial Reports for several releases at the Empire Federal SWD #3. Our security team is investigating.

Have a happy new year,

### **Joshua Russo**

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Received, thanks

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