



Occidental Permian Limited Partnership

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December 23, 2003

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
District I
1625 N. French Drive
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Attn: Environmental Engineering

RE: Final Closure Letter

North Hobbs Unit Central Tank Battery,
UL 'L', Sec. 29, T-18-S, R-38-E



Leak occurred on ~~11/03/2003~~, at approximately 07:00 am. A bursting head on a heater burst sending produced fluid to an emergency tank. Approximatley 200 bbls of oil spilled from the top of the tank to a bermed area around the tank. The bermed area measures approximately 30' by 30' directly around the tank and was lined with plastic pit liner. The bermed area was excavated to the plastic pit liner, pit liner was removed, and oil had seeped past the liner around the circumfernece of the tank. With the inability to seal the pit liner to the circumference of the tank, the decision was made not to replace the pit liner. This tank is no longer being used as an emergency catch tank, the vessels that this tank served are no longer in use at this battery. The tank is only being used for truck off loading, trucks will empty to this tank and contents will be pumped through the system. Chances for running this tank over have all but been eliminated. Depth to ground water according to State Engineers Office is 58.45' (data dated 04/02/86) giving this spill site a ranking of 10. Remediation of the spill site was as follows:

1. All free standing fluid was removed via vacuum trucks.
2. Fresh soil was put on top of area to help eliminate smell.
3. Bermed area was excavated to plastic liner and soil under liner inspected for contamination.
4. Soil under liner was removed and hauled to Sundance, Parabo facility at Eunice, NM.
5. Excavated bermed area as far as possible with backhoe, rock bottom.
6. Soil samples of bottom were taken, see attached analysis report.
7. A clay barrier of approximately one foot of packed clay will be added to keep rain from pushing any contaminates down.
8. Caliche will be placed on top of the clay barrier.

The analysis data shows some small hits on tph and xylene, we feel this is from previous leaks in this area. We feel that all contaminated soil from this spill was removed, and the area was excavated as far as safely possible within the confined area. We feel, with the aid of the clay liner, contaminates will not spread and with abandonment of production equipment, to this tank, future spill in this area will be eliminated.

Ok - 157984
Incidents - nPAC0605325612
application - nPAC0605325952
Hobbs RMT, 1017 W. Stanolind Rd, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (505) 397-8251.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "STEVEN M. BISHOP". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Steven M. Bishop

HES Technician/Hobbs RMT
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Attachments: Original C-141
Cardinal Laboratories, soil analysis data

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FORM C-141
Originated 2/13/97

Submit 2 copies to Appropriate District Office in accordance with Rule 116 on back side of form

Release Notification and Corrective Action
OPERATOR

Initial Report Final Report

Name Occidental Permian Limited Partnership	Contact Steven M. Bishop
Address 1017 W. Stanolind Rd. Hobbs, N.M. 88240	Telephone No. (505) 397-8251
Facility Name North Hobbs Unit Central Tank Battery	Facility Type Production

Surface Owner Oxy Permian Limited Partnership	Mineral Owner	Lease No.
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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
'L'	29	18-S	38-E					Lea

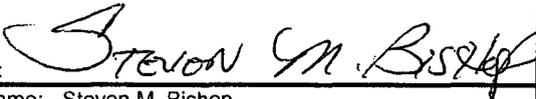
NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Crude Oil	Volume of Release 200 Bbls	Volume Recovered 195 bbls
Source of Release Emergency Tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence 11/03/2003 7:00 AM	Date and Hour of Discovery 11/03/2003 7:00 AM
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, to whom? Syllvia Dickey	
By Whom? Steve Bishop	Date and Hour 11/03/2003 7:45 AM	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If Yes, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. N/A	
If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully • N/A		

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken. • Bursting head on heater burst at North Hobbs Unit Central Tank Battery, sending fluid to emergency tank, causing spill. Closed circulating valves to heater to stop flow.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken. • Area was approximately 30' X 30' bermed area around emergency tank. Bermed area is also lined with a plastic pit liner. All free standing fluid was picked up via vacuum truck. Fresh soil was added to help eliminate the strong smell of crude oil. Area will be excavated to pit liner, liner removed and soil tested. Affected area will be remediated to NMOCD guidelines for spills.

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, 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: 		<u>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</u>	
Printed Name: Steven M. Bishop		Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title: HES Technician		Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
Date: 11/03/2003	Phone: (505) 397-8251	Conditions of Approval:	Attached: <input type="checkbox"/>



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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
 BBC INTERNATIONAL, INC.
 ATTN: GABRIEL TERRAZAS
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 FAX TO: (505) 397-0397

Receiving Date: 12/18/03
 Reporting Date: 12/19/03
 Project Owner: OXY
 Project Name: N.H.W.U. CENTRAL BATTERY
 Project Location: HOBBS, NM

Sampling Date: 12/18/03
 Sample Type: SOIL
 Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
 Sample Received By: AH
 Analyzed By: BC/AH

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO (Ca-C ₁₀) (mg/Kg)	DRO (>C ₁₀ -C ₂₈) (mg/Kg)	Cl ⁻ (mg/Kg)
ANALYSIS DATE		12/18/03	12/18/03	12/19/03
H8269-1	BOTTOM COMP.	<10.0	689	112
H8269-2	WALL COMP.	<10.0	<10.0	240
Quality Control		759	799	940
True Value QC		800	800	1000
% Recovery		94.8	99.8	94.0
Relative Percent Difference		3.1	7.7	7.4

METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; Cl⁻: Std. Methods 4500-Cl⁻B
 *Analysis performed on a 1:4 w/v aqueous extract.

Burjess P. Cash
 Chemist

12/19/03
 Date

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LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOLUENE (mg/Kg)	ETHYL BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOTAL XYLENES (mg/Kg)
ANALYSIS DATE		12/18/03	12/18/03	12/18/03	12/18/03
H8269-1	BOTTOM COMP.	0.011	0.728	0.504	5.12
H8269-2	WALL COMP.	<0.005	0.020	0.012	0.111
Quality Control		0.099	0.100	0.099	0.302
True Value QC		0.100	0.100	0.100	0.300
% Recovery		99.1	100	98.7	101
Relative Percent Difference		3.2	3.6	3.1	2.5

METHOD: EPA SW-846 8260

Burgess J. Cook
 Chemist

12/19/03
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