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Report Description

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Oil Conservation Division
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Form C-141
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate
District Office in accordance
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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

Initial Report Final Report

Name of Company: Arena Resources, Inc.	Contact: Fred Holmes
Address: 2130 W. Bender Blvd. - Hobbs, NM	Telephone No.: 575-738-1739 - 432-631-3757
Facility Name: Hale State #4	Facility Type: Producing Oil Well - New

Surface Owner: Unk	Mineral Owner: State of New Mexico	Lease No.: 30-025-39785
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter I	Section 31	Township 17S	Range 34E	Feet from the 330	North/South Line N	Feet from the 990	East/West Line W	County Lea
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Latitude: N32 47' 51.0" Longitude: W103 36' 16.5

NATURE OF RELEASE

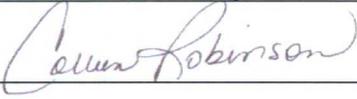
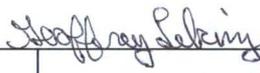
Type of Release: Drilling Mud	Volume of Release: 10-15 bbls	Volume Recovered: 0
Source of Release: Drilling Solids from Closed-Loop System	Date and Hour of Occurrence: ~12/14/08	Date and Hour of Discovery: 12/15/08-0800
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 Hale State #4 was drilled using a closed-loop mud system. The drilling contractor placed roll-off boxes in a two-tier trench to accumulate drill solids. After the rig was removed from the site, some drilling fluids and soil residuals were observed in the trenches. Visual inspection found several penetrations of the liner. After the liner was removed initial sampling found chloride levels ranging from 56,000 mg/kg (upper NE trench) to 1820 mg/kg (upper SW trench) and TPH levels ranged from 1,010 ppm (Upper C trench) to below action levels.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*: About 1092 cubic yards of impacted soils were excavated and staged onto plastic prior to being manifested offsite. Soils were sampled at various depth intervals to evaluate the progress of the remediation. Excavation was terminated when chloride concentrations were below action levels. The excavation was backfilled with new soil that had been stockpiled at other sites. Soil was added in lifts and compacted to bring the excavation area to grade

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: 	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Colleen Robinson	Approved by ^{ENV. ENGINEER} District Supervisor: 	
Title: Regulatory Analyst	Approval Date: 09/24/10	Expiration Date: -
E-mail Address: fred@etechemv.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/> IRP-10-9-
Date: July 23, 2010 Phone: 432-563-2200		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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Remediation Summary
Report Form



General Information

This section provides general information about the operator and the site where the spill occurred.

Date: 07/08/10

Client: Arena Resources

Site Name: Hale State #4

County: Lea

State: NM

Site Coordinates Latitude: 32° 47' 51.0"
Longitude: 103° 36' 16.5"

Property Owner: State of New Mexico (minerals)

State Report No.:

Release Description and Assessment

The information below is related to the spill (Date, Type, Cause and Quantity) and the area impacted.

Date of Spill: ~12/14/2008

Type of Spill: Oil Produced Water Condensate Other (Specify): Drilling Mud (Brine)

Cause of Spill: Equipment Failure Valve Failure Line Rupture Leaking Tank Tank Overfill
 Other (List): Leak in the liner used as secondary containment for roll-off boxes. The boxes were used as temporary tanks in a closed-loop drilling system. Leaks in the liner allowed brine to infiltrate the soils below the upper and lower trenches that were used to position the boxes.

Other Contributing Factors or Comments:

Quantity Spilled: ~10 bbls. Quantity Recovered: 0 bbls. Total Released: 0 bbls.

Method of Recovery: Vacuum Truck Other (Specify):

OCD Notified: Yes No C-141 Completed and Submitted: Yes No

Spill Area Impacted: Inside Firewall On Production Pad In Pasture In Cultivated Land
 Other (List): Soils under the liner inside the upper and lower trenches.

Total Square Footage Impacted: Estimated Depth: 1-10' Volume (Cu. Yds): ~1092

Other Comments:

Remediation Activity Summary

The following summarizes the activities used to remediate the spill.

The Hale State #4 was drilled using a closed-loop mud system. The drilling contractor placed roll-off boxes in a two-tier trench to accumulate drill solids. After the rig was removed from the site, some drilling fluids and soil residuals were observed in the trenches. Visual inspection found several penetrations of the liner. After the liner was removed (see Photo #1), initial sampling found chloride levels ranging from 56,000 mg/kg (upper NE trench) to 1820 mg/kg (upper SW trench) and TPH levels ranged from 1,010 ppm (Upper C trench) to below action levels. The initial form C-141 was submitted to NMOCD on March 11, 2009.

About 1092 cubic yards of impacted soils were excavated and staged onto plastic prior to being manifested offsite. Soils were sampled at various depth intervals to evaluate the progress of the remediation (see Photo #2). Excavation was terminated when chloride concentrations were below action levels (see Photo #3). The excavation was backfilled with new soil that had been stockpiled at other sites. Soil was added in lifts and compacted to bring the excavation area to grade (see Photo #4). Final form C-141 has been prepared and is attached.

Analytical Summary

Results of analyses following remediation activities are as follows:

Sample #	Depth (ft)	Date	TPH C6-C10	TPH C10-C28	Total TPH	Chl
Upper SW	0.00	1/16/09	<10	<10	NA	1820
Upper NE	0.00	1/16/09	<10	<10	NA	40,000
Lower SW	0.00	1/16/09	<10	<10	NA	11,600
Lower C	0.00	1/16/09	<10	<10	NA	4,560
Lower NE	0.00	1/16/09	<10	<10	NA	18,000
Upper NE	3.00	3/4/09	NA	NA	NA	48
Upper SW	3.00	3/23/09	NA	NA	NA	96
Lower NE	3.00	3/04/09	NA	NA	NA	16
Lower SE	3.00	3/04/09	NA	NA	NA	112
Upper C	10.00	4/28/09	NA	NA	NA	384
Lower C	10.00	4/28/09	NA	NA	NA	512

A review of the analytical data indicated the sample is within the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) regulatory threshold limits. Based upon this information it has been determined that remediation of the site is complete. Copies of soil manifests, analytical reports and photographs are attached.

Prepared by:



Environmental Professional
Etech Environmental & Safety Solutions, Inc.



#1 Initial View -- Upper and Lower Trenches



#2 Excavation in progress



#3 Excavation completed



#4 Site After Backfilling.