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Office II  
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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate  
District Office in accordance  
with Rule 176 on back  
side of form

30-015-05264 Release Notification and Corrective Action

nmcs04/27577 OPERATOR  Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company	Merit Energy Company	Contact	TERRY GRANTHAM
Address	P.O. Box 609 Loco Hills New Mexico	Telephone No.	505-420-5512
Facility Name	Russel Torder Water Station	Facility Type	Water Flood Station
Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner	Federal
Lease No.			

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
	20	T17S	R31E					Eddy

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	oil & WATER	Volume of Release	200 bbls.	Volume Recovered	200 bbls.
Source of Release	Busted Fiberglass TANK	Date and Hour of Occurrence		Date and Hour of Discovery	
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?			
By Whom?	Pumper	Don Cleg Horn			
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Date and Hour	4-14-04	8:00 A.M.	
		If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.			

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

NO

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\* Lightning hit TOP of Fiberglass TANK & Busted the TOP out of the TANK & splitting TANK down the side & Brake connections when Steps & WALK WAY fell off TANK causing the oil & water spill.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* Inside the TANK BURN WAS the ONLY AREA affected BY the spill nothing got outside the BURN. HAD VACUM TRUCK come to location and PULL ALL fluid FROM inside the BURN & EMPTY out TANK. In the process of getting NEW TANK going to Dig out oily dirt & HAUL Fresh Dirt BACK in BEFORE setting TANK.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOC 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 NMOC 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, NMOC 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:	<i>Terry Grantam</i>	<u>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</u>	
Printed Name:	TERRY GRANTHAM	Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title:	Lead Pumper	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address:		Conditions of Approval:	
Date:	4-27-04	Phone:	505-420-5512
		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

\* FAXed To Landowner.  
\* work plan Req. 2/1 sent.

TRANSACTION REPORT

P. 01

MAY-04-2004 TUE 09:29 AM

FOR: OCD DISTRICT II

15057489720

RECEIVE

DATE	START	SENDER	RX TIME	PAGES	TYPE	NOTE	M#	DP
MAY-04	08:43 AM	15056772283	41"	1	RECEIVE	OK		

ATT. Mr. Mike Stubblefield

Sending This Spill Report To you Because I AM NOT FOR SURE IF THIS SPILL WAS BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION OR NOT WHEN COY WAS TAKING CARE OF THE Russell Turner Water Station. I JUST STARTED TAKING CARE OF THE OGD & BLM NON-COMPLIANCE'S. PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 420-5512 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION'S. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THIS TANK REPLACED & SPILL TAKEN CARE OF.

THANK YOU  
TERRY GRANTHAM  
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY

This sheet Plus Spill Report :



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**BILL RICHARDSON**  
Governor  
**Joanna Prukop**  
Cabinet Secretary

**Lori Wrotenbery**  
Director  
Oil Conservation Division

5/12/2004

Merit Energy  
Att: Brandon Ripley  
P.O. Box 69  
Loco Hills, N.M. 88255

Re: sec. 20-17s-31e  
Russel Turner Water Flood Station.

Dear Mr. Brandon Ripley,

The Artesia Oil Conservation Division is in receipt of the initial C-141 form (copy included) dated 5/6/2004 from Merit Energy.

Please submit a Corrective Action work plan to the Artesia O.C.D. for correction of this release. Please use the "Guidelines For Remediation of leaks, spills, and releases" as your guide.

A copy of the Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases, published 1993, can be found at the O.C.D. web address [WWW.EMNRD.STATE.NM.US/OCD](http://WWW.EMNRD.STATE.NM.US/OCD). The published document can be found on the O.C.D. web page under Publications/Environmental Handbook/Miscellaneous Guidelines/Spill Prevention Clean up.

The work plan presented to the O.C.D. must include general site characteristics, soil remediation action levels, soil remediation methods, and planned analytical, which will require testing for TPH, BTEX & Chlorides.

A Final C-141 form is required for closure of the initial C-141 form filed. The Final C-141 Form filed must include a report of remediation actions taken with analytical results attached

**Please have the requested work plan in the Artesia office on or before 6/12/2004.**

The Artesia O.C.D. must be notified 24 hours prior to any remediation actions and/or subsequent soil samples taken for analytical.

**In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter** further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe. Such a hearing may result in imposition of **CIVIL PENALTIES** for your violation of OCD rules.

If I can be of assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-748-1283  
Or E-mail me at [MSTUBBLEFIELD@STATE.NM.US](mailto:MSTUBBLEFIELD@STATE.NM.US).

Sincerely,

Mike Stubblefield

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N.M.O.C.D.