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Form C-141  
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Oil Conservation Division  
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**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

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**OPERATOR**

Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company - Tandem Energy <b>236183</b>	Contact - Brandi Barthels
Address - 120 S. Main Suite 350 Victoria, TX 77901	Telephone No. - 361-576-0180
Facility Name - Ballard Grayburg San Andres #5G (12-5)	Facility Type - Drilling Pit

Surface Owner - Private	Mineral Owner - BLM	Lease No.
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30015-36202

**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
D	8	18S	29E					Eddy

Latitude 32.7684254 Longitude 104.1015420

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release - Drilling Fluids	Volume of Release - Unkown	Volume Recovered - None
Source of Release - Drilling Pit	Date and Hour of Occurrence N/A	Date and Hour of Discovery 7-31-08
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.\* Initial samples taken from bottom of drilling pit were above NMOCD Pit Rule Standards. Site was delineated using field analysis, lab samples will be submitted for confirmation.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* A remediation plan will be formulated and submitted to the NMOCD for approval.

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: <i>Brandi Barthels</i>	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: Brandi Barthels	Approved by District Supervisor: <i>[Signature]</i>	
Title: Environ. & Reg. Affairs Mgr.	Approval Date: 8-15-08	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: bbarthels@platenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:	
Date: 8/13/08 Phone: 361-576-0180	<b>SEE ATTACHED STIPULATIONS</b>	

Attached

Notify OCD 48 hours prior to obtaining samples where analyses are to be presented to OCD

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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Date: 8/3/08	Phone: 3615760180	

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# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Oil Conservation Division



August 15, 2008

Tandem Energy  
120 S Main, Suite 350  
Victoria, TX 77901

RE: Ballard Grayburg San Andres 005G D-8-18S-29E  
30-015-36202 Eddy County, New Mexico  
2RP-216

Dear Operator:

This office is in receipt of your C-141 regarding the drilling fluids release at this facility.

NMOCD Rule 19.15.3.116 states in part, "...The responsible person must complete **division approved corrective action** for releases which endanger public health or the environment. Releases will be addressed in accordance with a **remediation plan** submitted to and approved by the division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with Section 19 of 19.15.1 NMAC."

Information and tools for proper corrective action may be found in the Environmental Handbook on our web site at the following link:  
[http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/documents/7C\\_spill1.pdf](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/documents/7C_spill1.pdf)

The following actions are **required** to be addressed in the **remediation plan**:

- Determine the horizontal and vertical delineation of the spill by sampling.
- Prepare a sketch of the site indicating where and at what depths the samples were taken.
- Submit laboratory results of sampling as well as the proposed remediation with the plan.

Notify the OCD 48 hours prior to obtaining samples where analyses of samples obtained are to be submitted to the OCD.

Remediation requirements may be subject to other federal, state, and local laws or regulations.

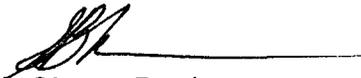


Within 30 days, **on or before September 15, 2008**, completion of a remediation work plan should be finalized and submitted to the Division summarizing all actions taken and/or to be taken to mitigate environmental damage related to the leak, spill or release for approval.

Please be advised that NMOCD acceptance and/or approval of documents or work plans 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 and/or approval of documents or work plans do not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

If I may be of further assistance with this matter or should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sherry Bonham  
NMOCD District II, Artesia  
(505) 748-1283 ext 109  
E-mail: [sherry.bonham@state.nm.us](mailto:sherry.bonham@state.nm.us)

**Bonham, Sherry, EMNRD**

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**From:** Bonham, Sherry, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2008 3:38 PM  
**To:** 'bbarthels@platenergy.com'  
**Subject:** Ballard Grayburg San Andres 005G 30 015 36202 2RP-216  
**Attachments:** Ballard Grayburg San Andres 5G.docx

Brandi,

This office is in receipt of your C-141 regarding the drilling fluids release. Please find attached a letter with stipulations outlined.

If I can be of further assistance or should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sherry Bonham  
NMOCD District II