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State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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Form C-141
Revised October 10, 2003

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

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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 of Company OXY USA <i>16696</i>	Contact Kelton Beard
Address 102 S Main Carlsbad, NM 88220	Telephone No. (O) 505-887-8337 C) 575-390-1903
Facility Name Sterling Silver 33	Facility Type Disposal Line
STERLING SILVER 33 FEDERAL #3	
Surface Owner BLM	Mineral Owner
Lease No.	

30-015-27425

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
D	33	23S	31E					Eddy county

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Produced Water	Volume of Release 20bbls	Volume Recovered none
Source of Release Poly disposal line	Date and Hour of Occurrence Unknown	Date and Hour of Discovery 9-17-08 @ 1130am
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Sherry Bohnam/ NMOCD Jim Amos/ BLM (left message)	
By Whom? Kelton Beard HES Oxy	Date and Hour See above	
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.* 3" poly-line was over pressured causing the flowline to split releasing water into the pasture		
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* Area is approx. 100' X 30' The area will be evaluated and a clean-up plan will be submitted for approval per NMOCD and BLM requirements.		

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: Kelton Beard	Approved by District Supervisor: <i>T Gumbly SB</i>	Remediation Actions to be completed and Final C-141 submitted with confirmation analyses/documentation on or before the Expiration Date.
Title: HES Specialist	Approval Date: <i>10-16-08</i>	Expiration Date: <i>12-16-08</i>
E-mail Address: kelton_beard@oxy.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 9-18-08	Within 30 days, on or before <i>11-17-08</i> , completion of a remediation work plan based on delineation should be finalized and submitted for approval to the Division summarizing all actions taken and/or to be taken to mitigate environmental damage	2RP - 252

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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



New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Oil Conservation Division



October 16, 2008

OXY USA
ATTN: Kelton Beard
102 S Main
Carlsbad, NM 88220

RE: Sterling Silver 33 Federal 003 30-015-27425
D-33-23S-31E Eddy County, New Mexico
2RP-252

Dear Operator:

This office is in receipt of your C-141 regarding the produced water 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."

A guide document intended to provide direction for remediation of soils and fresh waters contaminated as a result of leaks, spills, or releases of oilfield wastes and products is found on OCD's web site at the following link:

http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/documents/7C_spill1.pdf

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

- Horizontal and vertical delineation of the spill by soil sampling. Delineation is required until contamination reaches background levels or a site specific acceptable level. Any constituent(s) of concern—to include but not limited to TPH, BTEX, and chlorides—are to be addressed in the delineation and remediation plan.
- 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.



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Notify the OCD 48 hours prior to obtaining samples where analyses of samples obtained are to be submitted to the OCD. Notification is to include date and time of sample event.

Within 30 days, **on or before November 17, 2008**, completion of a remediation work plan should be finalized and submitted to the Division summarizing all actions taken 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,



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