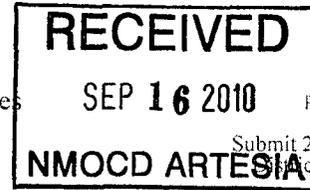


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Form C-141  
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Submit 2 Copies to appropriate State Office in accordance with Rule 116 on back side of form

30-015-34538

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

nm48/030835699

**OPERATOR**

Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC 229137	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	Mesilla State #3 Tank Battery	Facility Type	Tank Battery

Surface Owner	State	Mineral Owner		Lease No.	B-2103
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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
H	16	17S	30E					Eddy

Latitude 32 50.233 Longitude 103 58.155

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release	BS & W	Volume of Release	60bbbs	Volume Recovered	50bbbs
Source of Release	PVC water leg	Date and Hour of Occurrence	09/03/2010	Date and Hour of Discovery	09/03/2010 8:30 a.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Mike Bratcher—OCD		
By Whom?	Josh Russo	Date and Hour	09/03/2010 8:30 a.m.		
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.\*

High wind speed moved the supports bracing the PVC water leg and broke it in half causing the release. The PVC water leg has been replaced with a new steel water leg.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Initially we released 60bbbs of BS&W from the broken water leg and we were able to recover 50bbbs with a vacuum truck. The spill area covered a portion of the well pad measuring approximately 200' x 200' from the battery towards the pumping unit. All standing fluid has been recovered. The well pad has been scraped and the contaminated pad material has been hauled to the appropriate disposal facility. (The closest well location to the release is the Mesilla State #3, this well is located on the same pad as the tank battery, (API#) 30-015-34538). Tetra Tech will sample the spill site are to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present a remediation work plan to the NMOCD for approval prior to any significant remediation work.

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:

Printed Name: Josh Russo

Title: HSE Coordinator

E-mail Address: jrusso@conchoresources.com

Date: 09/15/2010 Phone: 432-212-2399

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Signed By:

Approved by District Supervisor:

Approval Date: **NOV 04 2010** Expiration Date:

Conditions of Approval:

Attached

REMEDATION per OCD Rules and Guidelines. **SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL BY: 12/4/2010**

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@conchoresources.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2010 8:29 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Pat Ellis; Tavarez, Ike; Dorey, Kim  
**Subject:** C-141 - Mesilla State #3  
**Attachments:** MESILLA STATE #3 TANK BATTERY -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 09-03-2010.PDF

Mr. Bratcher,

Please see attached the C-141 Initial Report for the Mesilla State #3 release that occurred on 09/03/2010.

Thank you,

### **Joshua Russo**

HSE Coordinator  
550 W. Texas Ave, Suite 100  
Midland, Texas 79701  
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## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@conchoresources.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 04, 2010 9:42 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Pat Ellis; 'ike.tavarez@tetrattech.com'  
**Subject:** Mesilla St. #3 Battery Spill immediate notification

**Importance:** High

Mr. Bratcher,

Please see the details below to a release that occurred at the Mesilla State #3 TB location on 09-03-2010. We will follow up with a C-141 initial report.

Thank you,

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rick Wright  
**To:** Pat Ellis  
**To:** Joshua Russo  
**Cc:** Ron Beasley  
**Cc:** Kent Greenway  
**Cc:** Ronnie Tice  
**Subject:** Mesilla St. #3 Battery Spill  
**Sent:** Sep 4, 2010 7:01 AM

On 9-3-10 at 8:30am, a PVC water leg broke on a heater at the Mesilla St. #3 battery. 60 bbls of produced water was released and 50 bbls were recovered. A PVC 90 broke on the gas section of the water leg due to wind causing the fluid to escape straight up covering most of the battery location as well as a mist in the pasture. The water leg was replaced with a steel water leg and returned to service. GPS coordinates, legal description, and driving directions below.

N 32\* 50.233 W 103\* 58.155

Mesilla St. #3  
Sec.16-T17S-R30E

North of Loco Hills 1.4 mi on CR 217, T/E .5 mi, T/S .1 mi, T/E .4 mi and stay on main road, T/S .1 mi, T/E .1 mi to battery on North side of road.

Thanks,

Rick Wright  
Production Foreman  
COG Operating, LLC  
2407 Pecos Ave.  
Artesia, NM 88210  
575.746.2010 office  
432.528.5363 cell  
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