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**GENERAL
CORRESPONDENCE**

YEAR(S):

1990

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, SPILLS, LEAKS AND BLOWOUTS

RECEIVED OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NAME OF OPERATOR Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp				ADDRESS Petroleum Center Bldg, Farmington, NM 87401			
REPORT OF	FIRE	BREAK	SPILL X	LEAK	BLOWOUT	OTHER*	
TYPE OF FACILITY	DRLG WELL	PROD WELL X	TANK BTY	PIPE LINE	GASO PLNT	OIL RFY	OTHER*
NAME OF FACILITY Dehydrator							
LOCATION OF FACILITY (QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION OR FOOTAGE DESCRIPTION) SW/4 NW/4				SEC. 10	TWP. 25N	RGE. 1W	COUNTY Rio Arriba
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR PROMINENT LANDMARK 30 miles north of Cuba							
DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURENCE 2/7/90 1:00 to 5:00 PM				DATE AND HOUR OF DISCOVERY 2/7/90 5:00 PM			
WAS IMMEDIATE NOTICE GIVEN?		YES	NO X	NOT REQUIRED		IF YES, TO WHOM Telephone notice 15 hours later	
BY WHOM				DATE AND HOUR			
TYPE OF FLUID LOST Oil				QUANTITY OF LOSS 10 bbls net		VOLUME RECOVERED 20 bbls	
DID ANY FLUIDS REACH A WATERCOURSE?		YES	NO X	QUANTITY			
IF YES, DESCRIBE FULLY**							
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DESCRIBE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN** Diaphragm operating mechanism failed causing separator dump valve to close: oil flowed into gas line and from there to dehydrator. Oil dumped by dehydrator scrubber and pit not large enough to hold this volume.							
DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN** 50' x 100' area all on wellsite location. In process of cleaning up, propose to construct larger emergency pit.							
DESCRIPTION OF AREA		FARMING	GRAZING X	URBAN	OTHER*		
SURFACE CONDITIONS		SANDY	SANDY LOAM X	CLAY	ROCKY	WET	DRY X
DESCRIBE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING (TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, ETC.)** 50 degrees, clear weather							
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF							

SIGNED  TITLE President DATE 2/8/90

*SPECIFY **ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 NOTIFICATION DIVISION
 FIRE, BREAKS, SPILLS, LEAKS, AND BLOWOUTS

NAME OF OPERATOR Benson-Montgomery Greer Drilling Corp					ADDRESS 221 Petroleum Center Building Farmington, NM 87401			
REPORT OF	FIRE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BREAK <input type="checkbox"/>	SPILL <input type="checkbox"/>	LEAK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BLOWOUT <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER* <input type="checkbox"/>		
TYPE OF FACILITY	DRUG WELL <input type="checkbox"/>	PROD WELL <input type="checkbox"/>	TANK BTY <input type="checkbox"/>	PIPE LINE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GASO PLNT <input type="checkbox"/>	OIL RFY <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER* <input type="checkbox"/>	
NAME OF FACILITY Oil gathering line								
LOCATION OF FACILITY (QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION OR FOOTAGE DESCRIPTION) SW/4 NW/4					SEC. 35	TWP. 25N	RGE. 1W	COUNTY Rio Arriba
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR PROMINENT LANDMARK 2 miles west of Llaves, NM then 3 miles south								
DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURENCE Unknown				DATE AND HOUR OF DISCOVERY 01/31/90 - Hour unknown				
WAS IMMEDIATE NOTICE GIVEN?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT RE-QUIRED <input type="checkbox"/>	IF YES, TO WHOM			
BY WHOM				DATE AND HOUR				
TYPE OF FLUID LOST Oil				QUANTITY OF LOSS 15-20 barrels		VOLUME RE-COVERED None		
DID ANY FLUIDS REACH A WATERCOURSE?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QUANTITY Estimated 1/2 to 1 barrel in dry wash				
IF YES, DESCRIBE FULLY** A small quantity of the spilled ran into a dry wash - this will not be washed downstream provided operator can obtain approval to proceed immediately with clean-up operations.								
DESCRIBE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN** Cause of problem is unknown at this time - operator expects to find cause of problem during repair operations.								
DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN** The area affected is a roadside ditch for short distance - the inside of a culvert and gently sloping hillside to the bank of a dry wash and into the dry wash.								
DESCRIPTION OF AREA	FARMING <input type="checkbox"/>		GRAZING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		URBAN <input type="checkbox"/>		OTHER* <input type="checkbox"/>	
SURFACE CONDITIONS	SANDY <input type="checkbox"/>	SANDY LOAM <input type="checkbox"/>	CLAY <input type="checkbox"/>	ROCKY <input type="checkbox"/>	WET <input type="checkbox"/>	DRY <input type="checkbox"/>	SNOW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
DESCRIBE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING (TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, ETC.)** February 7, 1990 - Temperature range of 45 - 50 degrees with clear skies.								
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF								
SIGNED <i>Miguel A. Stebe</i>				TITLE Vice President		DATE 02/08/90		

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 OIL CON. DIV.
 DIST. 3

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Saladen, Surface Water Quality Bureau
FROM: Jim Piatt, Surface Water Quality Bureau
DATE: 9 February 1990

Jim Piatt

RE: Oil spills on Cuba District of the Santa Fe National Forest

On 8 February 1990, Mr. Bruce Sims (988-6961), Hydrologist for the Santa Fe National Forest advised me that at least two oil spills had occurred on the Forest. The first spill was discovered by two Forest Service employees on 31 January and reported to Jimmy Morris (476-6466) ^{FFS} of the BLM who handle all mineral leasing and management activities for the Forest. This spill is located in Township 25N Range 1W Section 24 along Forest Road 515. The oil originated from a pipeline, travelled along the west edge of the road for 30 meters, passed through a culvert, spread out over 6-8 meters and travelled 60 meters to the edge of Canada Gurule Arroyo. This ephemeral drainage leads into Rio Gallina which is included in segment 2-115 of the State's water quality standards. *190 sq meters*

The second spill was discovered on 5 February along the edge of Forest Road 520. It's location is described as Township 26N Range 1W Section 16. The area covered with oil was estimated as 155 square meters. This spill was also reported to the BLM.

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SWQB SPILL REPORT FORM

Date: 9 Feb 90 Time: 14 10

Received by: R Getwood 827-2794

County where spill occurred: Rio Arriba

NPDES Permit No. N/A

(a) Person reporting 3rd party Bruce Simms Title Hydrologist, Santa Fe US Forest
South Fe National Forest
Address 1220 St Francis Dr PO Box 1689 City Santa Fe NM State 87501
Telephone No. 988-6961

(b) Responsible Facility Benson Montor Greer (BMG) oil Company
Address _____ City Farmington State NM
Telephone No. Al Greer 325-8874

(c) Spill location along US Forest Rd 515 (Santa Fe National Forest Map)
(such as highways, towns, etc.)
T 25 N R 1 W Sec 34

Spill occurred Date: 8 Feb or Prior Time: unknown

Spill discovered Date: 8 Feb Time: _____

Spill stopped Date: _____ Time: _____

Method: _____

Nearest water body affected: None; Describe Probably Canada Gurule
See Memorandum Arroyo

* (d)
OCD
responsibility

Source and cause of spill: Crude oil pipeline from well to
(pipeline, truck, boat, etc.)

storage tanks. Possible expansion of pipe from temperature

(e) Materials spilled: Crude Oil Approx 190 square meters

(f) Amount: _____

(g) Cleanup started: Yes No _____; Date _____ Time _____

Cleanup finished: Yes _____ No _____; Date _____ Time _____

Environmental damage: None _____; Describe: Unknown

Weather conditions: Unknown

Offices contacted: SWQB _____; GWB _____; HWB _____; CSS _____;

Field Office _____; U.S. Fish & Wildlife _____; NM Game & Fish _____;

USEPA _____; Epidemiology _____; Downstream Users _____;

Other Oil Conservation District, Dave Boyer 827-5812 / Roger Anderson
(Fire department, Police, City officials, Indian Pueblos, etc.)

827-5884

Comments: On Jan 31, 90 Dennis Hilliard, Range and Lands
Officer and Bill Wyatt, District Archeologist investigated.
On Feb 1 they contacted Jimmy Morris of BLM.

1-203 A.3. Written report submitted within 1 week? Yes _____ No _____

1-203 A. 6. Corrective action report submitted within 15 days?

Yes _____ No _____

Bureau Chief approval? Yes _____ No _____ (within 30 days of it's receipt)

Modified corrective action report required? Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

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SWQB SPILL REPORT FORM

Date: 9 Feb 90 Time: 1410

Received by: R. Gatewood 827-2794

County where spill occurred: Rio Arriba

NPDES Permit No. N/A

(a) Person reporting Bruce Simms Title Hydrologist, Santa Fe Forest
Santa Fe National Forest
Address 1220 St Francis Dr. PO Box 1689 City Santa Fe State NM 87504
Telephone No. 988-6961

(b) Responsible Facility Benson Montor Greer (BMG) Oil Company
Address _____ City Fermington State NM
Telephone No. Al Greer 325-8874

(c) Spill location Along Forest Rd. 520
(such as highways, towns, etc.)
T 26 N RIW Sec 16

Spill occurred Date: 4 or 5 Feb. 90 Time: _____

Spill discovered Date: _____ Time: _____

Spill stopped Date: _____ Time: _____

Method: Man made rupture of pipeline

OCD *

(Crude oil)

Nearest water body affected: None; Describe _____

(d) Source and cause of spill:
(pipeline, truck, boat, etc.) _____

(e) Materials spilled: 155 square meters

(f) Amount: _____

(g) Cleanup started: Yes No _____; Date _____ Time _____

Cleanup finished: Yes _____ No _____; Date _____ Time _____

Environmental damage: None _____; Describe: Unknown

Weather conditions: _____

Offices contacted: SWQB _____; GWB _____; HWB _____; CSS _____;

Field Office _____; U.S. Fish & Wildlife _____; NM Game & Fish _____;

USEPA _____; Epidemiology _____; Downstream Users _____;

Other oed Dave Boyer 827-5812
(Fire department, Police, City officials, Indian Pueblos, etc.)

Comments: Investigated by Dennis Hillardson /
Jimmy Morris

1-203 A.3. Written report submitted within 1 week? Yes _____ No _____

1-203 A. 6. Corrective action report submitted within 15 days?
Yes _____ No _____

Bureau Chief approval? Yes _____ No _____ (within 30 days of it's receipt)

Modified corrective action report required? Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

#3

SWQB SPILL REPORT FORM

Date: 9 Feb 90 Time: 1410

Received by: R Gatewood 827-2794

County where spill occurred: Rio Arriba

NPDES Permit No. NA

(a) Person reporting Bruce Simms Title Hydrologist, US Forest Santa Fe

Santa Fe National Forest
Address 1220 St Francis Dr, PO Box 1689 City Santa Fe State NM 87504

Telephone No. 988-6961

(b) Responsible Facility Benson Montor Greer (BMG) Oil Company

Address _____ City Farmington State NM

Telephone No. AL Greer 325-8874

(c) Spill location T 25 N R 1 W Sec 10
(such as highways, towns, etc.)

Spill occurred Date: _____ Time: _____

Spill discovered Date: _____ Time: _____

Spill stopped Date: _____ Time: _____

Method: _____

Nearest water body affected: None; Describe _____

(d) Source and cause of spill: Well head shut off valves failed.
(pipeline, truck, boat, etc.)

(e) Materials spilled: Either 60M x 10M or 300 sq meters
Uncertain

(f) Amount: _____

(g) Cleanup started: Yes No _____; Date _____ Time _____

Cleanup finished: Yes _____ No _____; Date _____ Time _____

Environmental damage: None _____; Describe: Unknown

Weather conditions: _____

Offices contacted: SWQB _____; GWB _____; HWB _____; CSS _____;

Field Office _____; U.S. Fish & Wildlife _____; NM Game & Fish _____;

USEPA _____; Epidemiology _____; Downstream Users _____;

Other OCD Dave Boyer 5812
(Fire department, Police, City officials, Indian Pueblos, etc.)

Comments: Investigated by Bill Wyatt Archeologist
Feb 8, 90.

1-203 A.3. Written report submitted within 1 week? Yes _____ No _____

1-203 A. 6. Corrective action report submitted within 15 days?

Yes _____ No _____

Bureau Chief approval? Yes _____ No _____ (within 30 days of it's receipt)

Modified corrective action report required? Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____