

AP - 008

**STAGE 1 & 2
REPORTS**

DATE:

June 5, 1998

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Form C-141
Originated 2/13/97

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 Rice Operating Company	Contact Ron Anderson
Address 122 West Taylor Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No. (505) 393-9174
Facility Name Hobbs SWD System	Facility Type SWD Disposal Line

Surface Owner McNeill Ranch	Mineral Owner	Lease No.
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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
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NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Production Water Trace Oil	Volume of Release 95 bbls	Volume Recovered 63 bbls
Source of Release Hole in steel nipple	Date and Hour of Occurrence 6/5/98 AM	Date and Hour of Discovery 6/5/98 10:00AM
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Sylvia	
By Whom? Ron Anderson	Date and Hour 6/5/98	1:45PM
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. (Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary)

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary)
Cause of Problem: Hole in steel nipple due to corrosion
Remedial Action Taken: Replace steel nipple with an AC Nipple

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary)
Area Affected: Approximately 6360 SF
Clean Up action taken: Picked up all fluid and let it dry out

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>F. Wesley Root</i>	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION		
Printed Name: F. Wesley Root	Approved by District Supervisor:		
Title: Operations Mangaer	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:	
Date: 6/5/98	Phone: (505) 393-9174	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>

116.A. NOTIFICATION

(1) The Division shall be notified of any unauthorized release occurring during the drilling, producing, storing, disposing, injecting, transporting, servicing or processing of crude oil, natural gases, produced water, condensate or oil field waste including Regulated NORM, or other oil field related chemicals, contaminants or mixture thereof, in the State of New Mexico in accordance with the requirements of this Rule. [1-1-50...2-1-96; A, 3-15-97]

(2) The Division shall be notified in accordance with this Rule with respect to any release from any facility of oil or other water contaminant, in such quantity as may with reasonable probability be detrimental to water or cause an exceedance of the standards in 19 NMAC 15.A.19. B(1), B(2) or B(3). [3-15-97]

116.B. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Notification of the above releases shall be made by the person operating or controlling either the release or the location of the release in accordance with the following requirements: [5-22-73...2-1-96; A, 3-15-97]

(1) A Major Release shall be reported by giving both immediate verbal notice and timely written notice pursuant to Paragraphs C(1) and C(2) of this Rule. A Major Release is:

- (a) an unauthorized release of a volume, excluding natural gases, in excess of 25 barrels;
- (b) an unauthorized release of any volume which:
 - (i) results in a fire;
 - (ii) will reach a water course;
 - (iii) may with reasonable probability endanger public health; or
 - (iv) results in substantial damage to property or the environment;
- (c) an unauthorized release of natural gases in excess of 500 mcf; or
- (d) a release of any volume which may with reasonable probability be detrimental to water or cause an exceedance of the standards in 19 NMAC 15.A.19. B(1), B(2) or B(3). [3/15/97]

(2) A Minor Release shall be reported by giving timely written notice pursuant to Paragraph C(2) of this Rule. A Minor Release is an unauthorized release of a volume, greater than 5 barrels but not more than 25 barrels; or greater than 50 mcf but less than 500 mcf of natural gases. [3-15-97]

116.C. CONTENTS OF NOTIFICATION

(1) Immediate verbal notification required pursuant to Paragraph B shall be reported within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery to the Division District Office for the area within which the release takes place. In addition, immediate verbal notification pursuant to Subparagraph B.(1).(d). shall be reported to the Division's Environmental Bureau Chief. This notification shall provide the information required on Division Form C-141. [5-22-73...2-1-96; A, 3-15-97]

(2) Timely written notification is required to be reported pursuant to Paragraph B within fifteen (15) days to the Division District Office for the area within which the release takes place by completing and filing Division Form C-141. In addition, timely written notification required pursuant to Subparagraph B.(1).(d). shall also be reported to the Division's Environmental Bureau Chief within fifteen (15) days after the release is discovered. The written notification shall verify the prior verbal notification and provide any appropriate additions or corrections to the information contained in the prior verbal notification. [5-22-73...2-1-96; A, 3-15-97]

116.D. CORRECTIVE ACTION: 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 Rule 19 (19 NMAC 15.A.19). [3-15-97]