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Date: 10/22/2020

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Targa Midstream Services LLC  
Closure of Incident NRM2029542920

Dear Sir or Madam,

Targa is submitting this letter as notice of closure notice for a C-141 submitted to OCD Online on 10/22/2020. The OCD number is NRM2029542920. Incident NRM2029542920 involved a controlled discharge of natural gas only to atmosphere. This gas only release occurred during a pipeline blowdown event in preparation for a pipeline tie-in.



**Figure 1: Release point of blowdown emissions**

Figure 1 is an above ground valve setting where construction personnel were performing a pipeline tie-in. Notice the 2" valve on the top where the isolated line was blown to atmosphere. This line was isolated and a controlled blowdown, of dry gas only to atmosphere, was performed to allow personnel to safely make the tie-in. There was no soil affected in any way during this event.

As this event is a controlled gas only release to atmosphere, no remediation is required. Targa Resources is requesting closure of the event.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at [jaustin@targaresources.com](mailto:jaustin@targaresources.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. T. Austin".

Joseph Tillman Austin  
Environmental Specialist

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Form C-141  
Revised August 24, 2018  
Submit to appropriate OCD District office

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

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District RP	
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## Release Notification

### Responsible Party

Responsible Party: <i>Targa Resources</i>	OGRID 24650
Contact Name: <i>Joseph Tillman Austin</i>	Contact Telephone: <i>575-942-7435</i>
Contact email: <i>jaustin@targaresources.com</i>	Incident # (assigned by OCD)
Contact mailing address: <i>PO Box 1689, Lovington, NM 88260</i>	

### Location of Release Source

Latitude 33.05356 Longitude -103.59561  
*(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)*

Site Name: <i>N/A</i>	Site Type: <i>Pipeline</i>
Date Release Discovered: <i>10/15/2020</i>	API# (if applicable)

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
<i>1 (A)</i>	<i>S3</i>	<i>T15S</i>	<i>R33E</i>	<i>Lea</i>

Surface Owner:  State  Federal  Tribal  Private (Name: *Etcheberry Ranch*)

### Nature and Volume of Release

Material(s) Released (Select all that apply and attach calculations or specific justification for the volumes provided below)

<input type="checkbox"/> Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input type="checkbox"/> Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf): <i>82.02</i>	Volume Recovered (Mcf): <i>0</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)

**Cause of Release:**

*Targa Resources blew down 8 miles of 14 inch pipeline to prepare for a scheduled pipeline tie-in. This was a controlled release on an above ground valve setting to atmosphere. This was a gas release only with no associated liquids released. There were no leaks associated with this blowdown event.*

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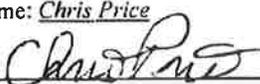
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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release?
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)?	

### Initial Response

*The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The source of the release has been stopped. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment. <input type="checkbox"/> Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices. <input type="checkbox"/> All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.
If all the actions described above have <u>not</u> been undertaken, explain why: <i>This was a gas release only. Therefore, the volume released was not recovered.</i>
Per 19.15.29.8 B. (4) NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please attach a narrative of actions to date. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a) NMAC), please attach all information needed for closure evaluation.
I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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 OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD 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.
Printed Name: <u>Chris Price</u> Title: <u>Area Manager</u> Signature: <u></u> Date: <u>10-19-20</u> Email: <u>cprice@argaresources.com</u> Telephone: <u>575-602-6005</u>
<b><u>OCD Only</u></b> Received by: <u>Ramona Marcus</u> Date: <u>10/21/2020</u>

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## Closure

The responsible party must attach information demonstrating they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and any conditions or directives of the OCD. This demonstration should be in the form of a comprehensive report (electronic submittals in .pdf format are preferred) including a scaled site map, sampling diagrams, relevant field notes, photographs of any excavation prior to backfilling, laboratory data including chain of custody documents of final sampling, and a narrative of the remedial activities. Refer to 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Each of the following items must be included in the closure report.*

A scaled site and sampling diagram as described in 19.15.29.11 NMAC (N/A for this event)

Photographs of the remediated site prior to backfill or photos of the liner integrity if applicable (Note: appropriate OCD District office must be notified 2 days prior to liner inspection) (N/A for this event)

Laboratory analyses of final sampling (Note: appropriate ODC District office must be notified 2 days prior to final sampling) (N/A for this event)

Description of remediation activities (N/A for this event)

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Printed Name: Chris Price Title: Area Manager

Signature:  Date: 10-26-20

Email: cprice@targaresources.com Telephone: 575-602-6005

**OCD Only**

Received by: Cristina Eads Date: 10/27/2020

Closure approval by the OCD does not relieve the responsible party of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that poses a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health, or the environment nor does not relieve the responsible party of compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Closure Approved by:  Date: 11/17/2020

Printed Name: Cristina Eads Title: Environmental Specialist