

**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**To:** ["Zane Kurtz"; Bockisch, Bernie](#)  
**Cc:** [Billings, Bradford, EMNRD](#); [Patterson, Heather, EMNRD](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Elk Wallow 11State 8H Closure Report and Final C-141  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:29:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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RE: EOG Resources \* Elk Wallow 11 St 8 \* 30015-39723 \* B-11-25s-29e  
NMOCD tracking number: 2RP-2857 \* Date of release:3/2/15

Mr. Kurtz,

OCD agrees that the material encountered during remedial operations is likely the drilling pit contents burial trench for the LRE Karlsbad Corral 11 3H. That well was drilled under OCD former "Rule 50". At this time, OCD considers the above referenced release for EOG Resources closed, with no further action required at this time.

Thank you,

**Mike Bratcher**  
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**From:** Zane Kurtz [mailto:[Zane\\_Kurtz@eogresources.com](mailto:Zane_Kurtz@eogresources.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:17 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Bockisch, Bernie  
**Cc:** Billings, Bradford, EMNRD; Patterson, Heather, EMNRD  
**Subject:** RE: Elk Wallow 11State 8H Closure Report and Final C-141

Good Afternoon

In response to your email below. A review of the buried material encountered during the remediation it was determined that the buried material is associated with another well and not a well from EOG's Elk Wallow wells. I have attached a photo I put together showing the locations of our Elk Wallow 11 State 3H & 8H wells. In addition, you can see our Elk Wallow battery is in close proximity to a well called Karlsbad Corral 11 State 3H operated by LRE (see photo of well sign). It is believed that the buried material we encountered is from the Karlsbad well. We utilized a closed

loop system when drilling our Elk Wallow 11 State 3H and 8H wells. I have attached the C-144's for our wells. I hope this information can assist with EOG gaining closure for our spill from the Elk Wallow 11 State 8H. Please feel free to contact myself or Bernie Bockisch if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to this information or lack of information. Thank you

**Zane Kurtz**

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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD [<mailto:mike.bratcher@state.nm.us>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 2:21 PM

**To:** Bockisch, Bernie

**Cc:** Zane Kurtz; Billings, Bradford, EMNRD; Patterson, Heather, EMNRD

**Subject:** RE: Elk Wallow Closure Report and Final C-141

RE: EOG Resources \* Elk Wallow 11 St 8 \* 30-015-39723 \* B-11-25s-29e \* Eddy County, NM  
NMOCD Reference number: 2RP-2857 \* Date of release: 3/2/15

Greetings,

A review of the well file for this well indicates that the well was drilled using a closed loop system with cuttings to be hauled to an approved disposal. Burial of waste at this site has not been authorized by OCD. At this time, OCD will require an investigation into the buried material encountered during this remediation project. This release incident will remain open, with the tracking number used for the investigation. Please advise the OCD District 2 office once this has been scheduled. The Final Report C-141 is not approved at this time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

**Mike Bratcher**

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**From:** Bockisch, Bernie [<mailto:Bernard.Bockisch@ghd.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:51 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Zane Kurtz  
**Subject:** Elk Wallow Closure Report and Final C-141

Mike,

We had previously submitted the Elk Wallow Closure report, but had not included the final C-141. On behalf of EOG Resources, we are resubmitting the closure report and final C-141 for your review and approval. Please let us know if you approve our request for closure and if we can backfill the excavation. Thank you,

Bernie

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