



VL Foster #004

## CLOSURE REPORT

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API No. 30-015-05203

Release Date: April 17, 2012

Unit Letter J, Section 17, Township 17 South, Range 31 East

RP# 2RP-1129

February 8, 2017

**Prepared by:**

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Mike Bratcher  
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**RE: Linn Energy V L Foster #004 – Closure Report**  
UL/J, Section 17, T17S, R31E  
API No. 30-015-05203  
NMOCD Case #: 2R-1219  
NMOCD Score: 0

Mr. Bratcher,

Linn Energy (Linn) has retained Diversified Field Service, Inc. (DFSI) to address environmental issues for the site detailed herein.

The site is located northeast of Loco Hills, NM, in Eddy County. The release resulted from a severed poly line the non-Linn company did not fuse back together, releasing a total of 25 gallons of produced water, produced water left in the line not in service at time of release, with none recovered. An initial C-141 was submitted to the NMOCD on April 29, 2012, and approved on June 29, 2012 (Appendix I).

DFSI has conducted a groundwater study of the area and has determined, according to the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, there is no groundwater beneath this site. Therefore, no eminent danger of groundwater impact or threat to life is anticipated (Appendix II).

The impacted soils were scraped and properly disposed of at a NMOCD approved facility. The excavation was backfilled with clean, imported caliche to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area (Appendix III). Also, the well is currently being plugged and the location will be reclaimed upon completion.

Due to the removal of impacted soils relative to the area of no groundwater, DFSI, on behalf of Linn Energy, submits the final C-141 (Appendix IV) and respectfully requests the closure of the regulatory file for this site.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning this closure request.

Sincerely,



Laura Flores

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cc Shelly Tucker

Appendix I – Initial C-141  
Appendix II – Groundwater Study  
Appendix III – Site Photos  
Appendix IV – Final C-141

# Appendix I

INITIAL C-141

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District I  
1625 N French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
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Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

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**OPERATOR**

Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company: Linn Operating <i>269324</i>	Contact: Joe Hernandez
Address: 2130 W. Bender Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No.: 575-738-1739
Facility Name: Foster #4	Facility Type: Oil

Surface Owner: Federal	Mineral Owner: Federal	API No.: 3001505203
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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
J	17	17S	31E	1650	South	1650	East	Eddy

Latitude: 32.8318352193832 Longitude: -103.888755956835

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release: Produced water	Volume of Release: 25gal	Volume Recovered: 0
Source of Release: Poly-Pipeline	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 04/17/2012 1pm	Date and Hour of Discovery: 04/17/2012 1:30pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? M.Bratcher-NM OCD / Terry Gregston-BLM	
By Whom? Joe Hernandez	Date and Hour 04/19/2012 10am	
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.\*: 3" poly was cut and removed beside road. COG company cut polyline while building new pad. They never fuse line together. Unit is not in service, but still leaked 1/2 barrel of water that was left in line.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* : Remedial action pending...

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>Joe Hernandez</i>	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: Joe Hernandez	Signed By <i>Mike Bratcher</i> Approved by District Supervisor.	
Title: Production Foreman	Approval Date: <b>MAY 29 2012</b>	Expiration Date.
E-mail Address: jhernandez@linenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 04/29/2012 Phone: 575-942-9492	Remediation per OCD Rules & Guidelines. <b>SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL NOT LATER THAN:</b>	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

**6/29/2012**

*2RP-1129*

# Appendix II

## GROUNDWATER STUDY

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# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

## Water Column/Average Depth to Water

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)  
(quarters are smallest to largest) (NAD83 UTM in meters)

No records found.

**PLSS Search:**

**Section(s):** 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, **Township:** 17S **Range:** 31E  
19, 20, 21

The data is furnished by the NMOSE/ISC and is accepted by the recipient with the expressed understanding that the OSE/ISC make no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the accuracy, completeness, reliability, usability, or suitability for any particular purpose of the data.

2/7/17 2:40 PM

WATER COLUMN/ AVERAGE  
DEPTH TO WATER

# Appendix III

## SITE PHOTOS

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## Photo Page



# Appendix IV

FINAL C-141

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Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

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<b><u>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</u></b>	
Signature:	Approved by Environmental Specialist:
Printed Name: Aaron Hickert	Approval Date:
Title: Sr EH&S Representative	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: ahickert@linenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:
Date: 02/07/2017 Phone: 432-363-9496	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary