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Subject: FW: Darner 9 Sate 2 (API 30-015-37634)
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 4:14:00 PM
Attachments: [1. 4381 - COAs and signed C-141 Initial.pdf](#)

Hello Michael/Matthew,

Per my conversation with Matthew I just had on the phone right now I am forwarding the last written official notice OCD had sent asking for follow up on the Darner 9 State #2 release since we ended up talking about it while we were talking about the Darner 9 State #1 release. Please see below which is a copy of the last submission that was sent to Cimarex asking for an update on Darner 9 State #2. I had made other requests via phone conversations but this is the last official written one that was sent.

I told Matthew that I went out and looked at Darner 9 State #2 at the same time I looked at the Darner 9 State #1 site and found that the battery had been treated in the same way as the Darner 9 State #1 site had been, no removal of contaminated fill just piled new fill on top of contaminated fill in layer after layer for what had probably been multiple years... which is odd cause only one release has ever been reported to OCD for the Darner 9 State #2 location (this current release), so apparently the multiple releases that looked to have occurred at this location were all less than reportable volumes based on Cimarex's previous assessments.

When a release occurs within a lined battery removal of the fill material is essential because it allows for a proper liner integrity inspection which OCD requires. After initial reporting of a release if an operator claims all fluids stayed within secondary lined containment then additional steps are required of the operator to validate that claim. A statement has to be made by the operator that the liner was properly inspected along with a statement made that fill material was removed and replaced (how could the liner be fully inspected if the fill material was not fully removed right).

The Darner 9 State #2 release involved a large volume of produced water that was claimed by Cimarex to have been contained by secondary lined containment but no record of validation efforts of that claim were ever provided to OCD following initial reporting of the release. So far all that has been done for this one is a C-141 Initial was sent in. Now it is up to Percussion to take it from there.

Thank you,

Crystal Weaver

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From: Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 10:58 AM
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Subject: RE: Darner 9 Sate 2 (API 30-015-37634)

RE: Cimarex * Darner 9 State #2 * 30-015-37634 * 2RP-4381

Christine,

Sorry for the delay on sending this one out. I have included a scanned copy of the signed Initial C-141 Remediation Permit along with an attached Conditions of Approval. The OCD tracking number for this event is 2RP-4381. **Please remit a site characterization plan or advise OCD of plan of action by no later than 10/08/17.**

Thank you,

Crystal Weaver

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-----Original Message-----

From: Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 2:15 PM
To: Christine Alderman <calderman@cimarex.com>; Groves, Amber <agroves@slo.state.nm.us>
Cc: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD <mike.bratcher@state.nm.us>
Subject: FW: Darner 9 Sate 2 (API 30-015-37634)

Hello all,

I am forwarding this initial C-141 submission to Amber Groves of the State Land Office since my records show this site to be on state administered surface.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christine Alderman [<mailto:calderman@cimarex.com>]
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Subject: Darner 9 Sate 2 (API 30-015-37634)

We had a produced water release at the above named lease. The inlet connection on a fiberglass tank broke allowing all the water to release into a lined containment. 505 bbls of 507 bbls were recovered with vacuum trucks.

The impacted material will be removed and I will inspect the liner for breaches and report back to you my findings.

Thank you,

Christine Alderman

Cimarex Energy Co.

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-----Original Message-----

From: MidlandScanner@cimarex.com [mailto:MidlandScanner@cimarex.com]
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