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Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
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Form C-141  
Revised August 8, 2011

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19-29 NMAC.

OIL CONSERVATION DIV. DIST. 3  
DEC 18 2015

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

**OPERATOR**  Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company: XTO Energy, Inc.	Contact: Logan Hixon
Address: 382 Road 3100, Aztec, New Mexico 87410	Telephone No.: (505) 333-3683
Facility Name: Ropco 16-2	Facility Type: Gas Well (Fruitland Coal)
Surface Owner: State Land	Mineral Owner
API No. 30-045-30993	

**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
C	16	29 N	14W	1186	FNL	1392	FWL	San Juan

Latitude: N36\*.730529 Longitude: W-108\*.319347

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release: Produced Water	Volume of Release: Approximately 60 bbl.	Volume Recovered: 50 bbl. Recovered
Source of Release: 90 degree turn in produced water line	Date and Hour of Occurrence: July 2, 2014 at Unknown Time	Date and Hour of Discovery: July 2, 2014 at 1600.
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Cory Smith (NMOCD)	
By Whom? Logan Hixon (XTO)	Date and Hour: Friday December 11, 2015 at 1640 (Attached)	
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.\* On December 11, 2015, a water leak was discovered in the produced water transport line on the Ropco 16-2 well site. An estimated 60 bbl. of produced water leaked from the pipeline, and came to surface on site; of the 60 bbl. released, 50 bbl. were recovered on December 11, 2015. The waterline was excavated, and the leak occurred at the 90 degree elbow. The produced water traveled to the south, with the widest point being forty-six (46) feet, and the longest point being ninety-four (94) feet long. The site was ranked a 20 pursuant to the NMOCD Guidelines for the Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases. The depth to groundwater is estimated be less than fifty (50) feet deep. This set the regulatory limits to 1,000 ppm TPH, 10 ppm benzene, and 50 ppm total BTEX.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* On December 11, 2015, a composite soil sample was collected from the source area (point of release coming to surface), the pad area, the crossover area, and the access road area, for a total of four (4) composite soil samples collected. All samples will be lab analyzed via USEPA Method 8015 (DRO & GRO), 8021 (BTEX), and chlorides. A final C-141 will be submitted when completed with any remediation activities that may be required based on analytical sample results.

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>Logan Hixon</i>	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: Logan Hixon	Approved by Environmental Specialist: <i>[Signature]</i>	
Title: EHS Coordinator	Approval Date: <i>12/13/2015</i>	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: Logan_Hixon@xtoenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <i>12-17-15</i>	Phone: 505-333-3683	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

NUP 1535740316

**From:** Hixon, Logan  
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**Subject:** 2015-12-11 24 Hour Release Notification: Ropco 16-2 (30-045-30993)  
**Date:** Friday, December 11, 2015 5:40:00 PM

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Cory,

As discussed on the phone today 12/11/2015 14:47, a release occurred at the Ropco 16-2 well site (30-045-30993) located in Section 16(C), Township 29N, and Range 14W. The release was discovered at 12:15 P.M. MST. The release occurred at a 90 degree turn on the produced water discharge line on location past the water meter and valve below ground for the site. The site has been ranked a 20 due to an estimated depth to groundwater less than fifty (50) feet.

Approximately sixty (60) barrels were released with approximately fifty (50) barrels recovered. The impacted area is approximately ninety-four (94) feet in length at its longest points and forty-six (46) feet wide at its widest points, with the deepest saturation level of approximately five (5) inches deep. A composite soil sample was collected from the source area (point of release coming to surface), the pad area, the crossover area, and the access road area, for a total of four (4) composite soil samples collected. All samples will be lab analyzed via USEPA Method 8015 (DRO & GRO), 8021 (BTEX), and chlorides.

Further communication will continue with the receiving of lab analysis results from samples collected today 12/11/2015.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

**Thank You!**

**XTO ENERGY INC.**, an ExxonMobil subsidiary

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