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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

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate  
District Office in accordance  
with Rule 116 on back  
side of form

Release Notification and Corrective Action

API# 30-043-20950

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: High Plains Operating Company, LLC	Contact: Butch Butler, a.k.a. Arthur W. Butler III
Address: 32700 Aspen Drive, Buena Vista, CO 81211	Telephone No.: 719-395-8059 (Office) 719-207-0164 (Cell)
Facility Name: Eagle Springs Surface Facilities	Facility Type: Separator
Surface Owner: BLM	Mineral Owner: BLM
Lease No.: NM NM 99705	

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter B	Section 8	Township 19N	Range 4W	Feet from the 330	North/South Line North	Feet from the 2,275	East/West Line East	County SANDOVAL
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Latitude: 35.89819 N (NAD83) Longitude: 107.28084 W (NAD83)

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Oil	Volume of Release: Est. 20+ bbls	Volume Recovered: 13 bbls
Source of Release: Oil/water separator	Date and Hour of Occurrence: Sometime between 2:00 PM on 6/11/09 & 11:30 AM on 6/12/09	Date and Hour of Discovery: 6/12/09 at 11:30 AM
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Talked with Brandon Powell of NMOCD. Left messages with Jim Lovato, Steve Mason & Wanda Weatherford, all with the BLM.	
By Whom? Butch Butler	Date and Hour: June 12, 2009 at about 1:00 PM	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. RCD JUN 22 '09 OIL CONS. DIV.	


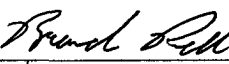
If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully. \*

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Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken. \* IT APPEARS THE OIL DUMP ON THE SEPARATOR JAMMED IN THE CLOSED POSITION. PRESSURE BUILT UP IN THE SEPARATOR AND THE PRESSURE RELEASE VALVE ON THE TOP OF THE VESSEL OPENED AND THE OIL SPILLED FROM THIS RELEASE VALVE. WILL INSTALL MURPHY GUAGE TO SHUT-OFF PUMP ON HIGH PRESSURE IN SEPARATOR. CONSTRUCTED BERM AROUND SEPARATOR.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken. \* MOST OF THE RELEASED OIL POOLED IN THE SKID UNDER THE SEPARATOR, SOME RAN OUT ON GROUND AROUND SEPARATOR. THE HIGH POUR POINT OF THIS ENTRADA CRUDE CAUSES THE OIL TO SET UP OUTSIDE OF THE HEATED SEPARATOR VESSEL, REDUCING MOVEMENT OF THE CRUDE AND SEEPAGE INTO THE GROUND. USED VACUUM TRUCK TO PICK-UP AS MUCH OIL AS POSSIBLE, THEN REMOVED 50 YARDS OF DIRT AND HAULED TO T-n-T LANDFARM.

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: 	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Arthur W. Butler III	Approved by District Supervisor:  For: Charlie Perria	
Title: Manager, High Plains Operating Company, LLC	Approval Date: 6/22/09	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: bbutler@highplainsop.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: June 18, 2009	Phone: 719-395-8059	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Incident # nRmD0925235146