

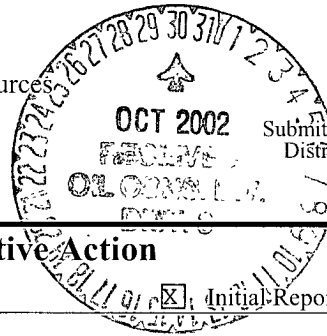
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State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

Form C-141
Revised March 17, 1999

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



Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

Name of Company Questar Exploration & Production	Contact Jim Milligan	
Address P.O. Box 1656, Cortez, CO 81321	Telephone No. (970) 564-9231	
Facility Name Ernest #1	Facility Type Oil Well	
Surface Owner Federal	Mineral Owner Questar Exploration & Production	Lease No. NMNMO14023

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
P	27	24N	7W					Rio Arriba

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Crude Oil	Volume of Release 162 bbls	Volume Recovered 127 bbls
Source of Release Tank #142B 2" BS&W valve	Date and Hour of Occurrence 10-13-02 PM	Date and Hour of Discovery 10-15-02 11:40 AM
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Aztec, N.M. O.C.D. Denny Foust	
By Whom? Alan Pitney	Date and Hour October 15, 2002 2:26 PM	
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.* The BS&W valve was forced open in an act of vandalism damaging the seal and dart (sealing device). 162 bbls of crude oil was released into the burm. When the company operator discovered the spill a water truck was dispatched with 30 bbls of produced water and placed into the tank burm. The fluids were then recovered and pumped back into the tank.		
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* A cleanup crew removed 129.60 cubic yards of contaminated soil Oct. 16, 2002. The soil was mixed with soap to assist in the break down of the crude oil and placed on the north-west side of location for land farming. A burm and fence was then built around the soil. Effected area = 45' x 35' x 3" to 12" deep.		
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: Alan Pitney	Approved by District Supervisor: for Frank Chavez	
Title: Environmental Coordinator	Approval Date: 10/31/02	Expiration Date:
Date: 10-26-02 Phone: 303-672-6969	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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