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QUESTIONS

Action 298571

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Operator: HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY 1111 Travis Street Houston, TX 77002	OGRID: 372171
	Action Number: 298571
	Action Type: [NOTIFY] Notification Of Release (NOR)

QUESTIONS

Location of Release Source	
<i>Please answer all the questions in this group.</i>	
Site Name	Sammons No. 2
Date Release Discovered	12/29/2023
Surface Owner	Private

Incident Details	
<i>Please answer all the questions in this group.</i>	
Incident Type	Oil Release
Did this release result in a fire or is the result of a fire	No
Did this release result in any injuries	No
Has this release reached or does it have a reasonable probability of reaching a watercourse	No
Has this release endangered or does it have a reasonable probability of endangering public health	No
Has this release substantially damaged or will it substantially damage property or the environment	No
Is this release of a volume that is or may with reasonable probability be detrimental to fresh water	No

Nature and Volume of Release	
<i>Material(s) released, please answer all that apply below. Any calculations or specific justifications for the volumes provided should be attached to the follow-up C-141 submission.</i>	
Crude Oil Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Produced Water Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Is the concentration of chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l	Not answered.
Condensate Released (bbls) Details	Cause: Equipment Failure Production Tank Condensate Released: 31 BBL Recovered: 4 BBL Lost: 27 BBL.
Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Other Released Details	Not answered.
Are there additional details for the questions above (i.e. any answer containing Other, Specify, Unknown, and/or Fire, or any negative lost amounts)	On 12/29/2023 at approximately 12:30 pm (MT), a Hilcorp operator discovered a 31-bbl condensate release at the Sammons 2 (API No. 30-045-09025) in San Juan County, NM (36.77139, -108.11789) while performing AVO surveys. Surface ownership at the site is fee surface/fee mineral (Parcel Owner: Andrea Corporation). Upon discovery, the operator observed fluids within secondary containment. A water truck was called in immediately and was able to recover approximately 4 bbls, which was placed back into the condensate storage tank (following repairs). Although none of the fluids migrated horizontally outside of secondary containment, approximately 27 bbls of fluid could not be recovered due to holes in the liner and soaked into the underlying soils. At this time, the primary cause is determined to be a cracked hammer union on the oil fill line.

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Nature and Volume of Release (continued)	
Is this a gas only submission (i.e. only significant Mcf values reported)	No, according to supplied volumes this does not appear to be a "gas only" report.
Was this a major release as defined by Subsection A of 19.15.29.7 NMAC	Yes
Reasons why this would be considered a submission for a notification of a major release	From paragraph A. "Major release" determine using: (1) an unauthorized release of a volume, excluding gases, of 25 barrels or more.
With the implementation of the 19.15.27 NMAC (05/25/2021), venting and/or flaring of natural gas (i.e. gas only) are to be submitted on the C-129 form.	

Initial Response

The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury.

The source of the release has been stopped	True
The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment	True
Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices	False
All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately	True
If all the actions described above have not been undertaken, explain why	Although none of the fluids migrated horizontally outside of secondary containment, approximately 27 bbls of fluid could not be recovered due to holes in the liner underlying the storage tanks and soaked into the ground surface.

Per Paragraph 4 of Subsection B of 19.15.29.8 NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please prepare and attach a narrative of actions to date in the follow-up C-141 submission. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a) NMAC), please prepare and attach all information needed for closure evaluation in the follow-up C-141 submission.

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☒	I acknowledge that I am authorized to submit notification of a release on behalf of my operator.
☒	I acknowledge that upon submitting this application, I will be creating a new incident file (assigned to my operator) to track the notification(s) and corrective action(s) for a release, pursuant to NMAC 19.15.29.
☒	I acknowledge that creating a new incident file will require my operator to file subsequent submission(s) of form "C-141, Application for administrative approval of a release notification and corrective action", pursuant to NMAC 19.15.29.
☒	I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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.
☒	I acknowledge the fact that the acceptance of a C-141 report by the OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment.
☒	I acknowledge the fact that, in addition, OCD 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.

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
mkillough	When submitting future reports regarding this release, please submit the calculations used or specific justification for the volumes reported on the initial C-141.	12/30/2023