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Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC 229137	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	Chicken Hawk State #1	Facility Type	Tank Battery

Surface Owner	State	Mineral Owner	Lease No. (API#) 30-015-33682
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
A	15	25S	28E					Eddy

Latitude 32 08.236 Longitude 104 04.079

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Produced fluid	Volume of Release	480bbbls	Volume Recovered	460bbbls
Source of Release	Tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence	07-08-2011 7/7/2011	Date and Hour of Discovery	07-08-2011 11:00 a.m. 7/7/2011
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Mike Bratcher OCD		
By Whom?	Josh Russo	Date and Hour	07/21/2011 8:31 p.m. 7/7/11 7:31P MDST		
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.\*

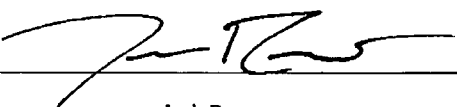
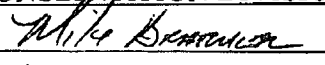
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

A flush of production caused an influx of fluid to the battery. The flush of production was due to a well being shut in for workover evaluation, and then being returned into production. Choke back the wells that have been shut in for a prolonged period of time until production returns to normal volumes.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Initially 480bbbls of produced fluid was released from the tank and we were able to recover 460bbls with a vacuum truck. We recovered roughly 110bbbls of oil and 350bbbls of produced water from the release. All free fluid has been recovered. The majority of the release was contained inside the facility walls with some reaching into the adjacent pasture area. Microblaze has been applied to the affected area in the pasture. Tetra Tech will sample the spill site area to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present a work plan to the NMOCD for approval prior to any significant remediation work.

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:		<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name:	Josh Russo	Signed By:	
Title:	HSE Coordinator	Approved by District Supervisor:	
E-mail Address:	jrusso@conchoresources.com	Approval Date:	AUG 12 2011
Date:	07/21/2011	Expiration Date:	
Phone:	432-212-2399	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Remediation per OCD Rules & Guidelines. **SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL NOT LATER THAN:**

9/12/2011

2RP-842

**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2011 1:41 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Tavaréz, Ike; tom.k.franklin@tetrattech.com; Dorey, Kim  
**Subject:** C-141 Initial Report - Chicken Hawk State #1 TB  
**Attachments:** CHICKEN HAWK STATE #1 TANK BATTERY -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 07-08-2011.pdf

Mr. Bratcher,

Please see attached the C-141 Initial Report for a release that occurred on 07/08/2011 at the Chicken Hawk State #1 Tank Battery.

Thank you,

**Joshua Russo**

HSE Coordinator  
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Midland, Texas 79701  
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## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2011 7:31 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Release notification - Chicken Hawk State #1

Mr. Bratcher,

On 7-7-11 at 11:00am, a 480bbl spill of produced fluid was found on the Chicken Hawk State #1 location. The incident was caused by a flush of production coming into the tank battery after returning the well to production after being shut down for a two month period to evaluate the workover procedure. 120bbls of oil and 360bbls of produced water were recovered. Most of the release was contained inside the firewall of the battery; there was some produced fluid picked up off of the location and pasture.

We have Microblazed a 150' X 150' area in pasture to treat hydrocarbons.

We have scraped and removed contaminated soil on location.

We will follow up with a C-141 Initial Report.

GPS coordinates, driving directions, and legal description listed below.

N 32\* 08.236 W 104\* 04.079

Chicken Hawk State #1

Sec.15-T25S-R28E

South of Malaga on hwy 285 to mile marker 10, T/E go ½ mile to location.

Thanks,

Joshua Russo  
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