

## **Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Mark Weatherly [mark@sbenergy.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 07, 2011 2:53 PM  
**To:** sheriff@co.eddy.nm.us  
**Cc:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Tom Womelsdorf  
**Subject:** Notice of Illegal Discharges/Vandalism - Area Southwest of Loco Hills, NM

Please advise as the procedure to properly report an incident as referenced above that occurred during overnight hours on 09/05/2011 [Labor Day].. The specific site is along a lease road used to access the Beeson Federal Lease, Well #29, which is a crude oil well site operated by Southern Bay Operating LLC - Houston, Texas.. The owner of the property is the Bureau of Land Management [United States government], Carlsbad office..

According to Tom Womelsdorf [Lease Operator] who discovered visual evidence of the release on 09/06/2011, the discharged substance appeared to be a substantial volume of produced water which had dried-out and left a white residue over an extended area near the roadway.. In no manner whatsoever was this a leak/spill from a flow line that serves this well.. The discharge area is located at the following coordinates – Latitude: 32.79792 North, Longitude: 104.00438 West, and can be viewed using Google Earth..

If any additional information is needed, please contact the following:

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