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Release Notification and Corrective Action

nMLB/215338324

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC 229157	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	Continental A State #12	Facility Type	Well location
Surface Owner	State	Mineral Owner	Lease No. (API#) 30-015-35052

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
1	30	17S	29E					Eddy

Latitude 32 48.696 Longitude 104 07.157

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Produced water	Volume of Release	60bbbs	Volume Recovered	52bbbs
Source of Release	2" nipple at wellhead	Date and Hour of Occurrence	04/28/2012	Date and Hour of Discovery	04/28/2012 8:00 a.m.
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?	Michelle Mullins	Date and Hour	04/28/12 6:59 p.m.		
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.\*

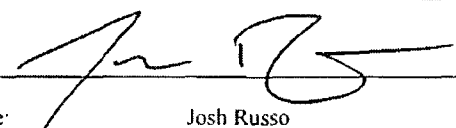
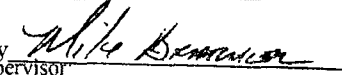
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

A 2" nipple failed between the check valve and wellhead at the Continental A State #12 well location. The wellhead connections have been replaced.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Initially 60bbbs of produced water was released from the wellhead and we were able to recover 52bbbs with a vacuum truck. The fluid streamed from the wellhead into the pasture where it collected in a 10' x 20' area. All free fluid has been picked up from the pasture and the pad location has been scraped. Tetra Tech will sample the spill site area in the pasture to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present the NMOCD with a work plan 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:		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name:	Josh Russo	Signed By	
Title:	HSE Coordinator	Approved by District Supervisor	
E-mail Address:	jrusso@conchoresources.com	Approval Date:	JUN 01 2012
Date:	05/04/2012	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:**  
7/1/2012

2RP-1143

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2012 1:22 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Tavarez, Ike; Dorey, Kim; Franklin, Tom K.  
**Subject:** C-141 Initial Report - Continental A State #12 wellhead release  
**Attachments:** CONTINENTAL A STATE #12 WELLHEAD -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 04-28-2012.pdf

Mr. Bratcher,

Please see attached the C-141 Initial Report for a release that occurred at our Continental A State #12 well location. We plan to assess timely.

Thank you,

### **Joshua Russo**

HSE Coordinator  
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## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Michelle Mullins [MMullins@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 28, 2012 5:59 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Joshua Russo  
**Subject:** Continental A State #12-Immediate Notification

Mr. Bratcher:

The following is a brief description of an immediately reportable release: On 4-28-12 at 8:00a.m. a produced water spill was discovered at the Continental A State #12 injection well. Due to a failed 2" nipple between the check valve and the well head, approximately 60 bbls of produced water was released and approximately 52 bbls were recovered. The release ran from the well head to the pasture and formed a 10 x 20 area in the pasture. The well is shut in while fittings are being replaced. GPS coordinates, legal description of closest well, and driving directions below.

We will follow up with a C-141.

N32\* 48.696' W104\* 07.157'  
Continental A STATE #12  
330FNL & 583' FWL  
SEC, 30 T17S, R29E  
EDDY COUNTY E-4201 API #30-015-35052

At MM 125 ½, turn north off Highway 82. Travel .3 miles, turn west. Road leads into location.

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