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1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
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Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate  
District Office in accordance  
with Rule 116 on back  
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**Release Notification and Corrective Action**n MLB/215840445**OPERATOR**☒ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

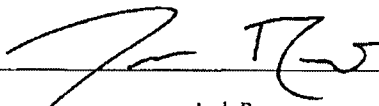
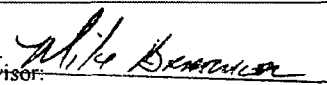
Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC <u>229137</u>	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	Skelly 973 Tank Battery	Facility Type	Tank Battery
Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner	
		Lease No. (API#)	30-015-36283
		Closest well	

**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
B	21	17S	31E					Eddy

Latitude 32.8257 Longitude 103.8739

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release	Produced water	Volume of Release	80bbls	Volume Recovered	79bbls
Source of Release	Filter pot	Date and Hour of Occurrence	05/01/2012	Date and Hour of Discovery	05/01/2012 6:30 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 Jim Amos-BLM Terry Gregston-BLM			
By Whom?	Michelle Mullins	Date and Hour	5/1/12 1:48 PM	EMAIL	
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 1/2" nipple failed on the top of the filter pot allowing the release of produced water. All fittings have been replaced with stainless steel.					
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* Initially 80bbls were released into the lined facility walls at the Skelly 973 Tank Battery. We were able to recover 79bbls with a vacuum truck. All free fluids from the release have been picked up and the contaminated gravel has been removed from the facility. We added clean gravel to the facility as necessary. The tank battery has been returned to its prior location.					
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:  Approved by District Supervisor:			
Title: HSE Coordinator		Approval Date: JUN 06 2012		Expiration Date: N/A	
E-mail Address: jrusso@conchoresources.com		Conditions of Approval: N/A		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date: 05/11/2012		Phone: 432-212-2399			

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

2RP-1151

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2012 9:30 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Jim Amos office (jamos@blm.gov); Terry Gregston (tgregsto@blm.gov)  
**Subject:** C-141 Initial Report - Skelly 973 TB  
**Attachments:** SKELLY 973 TANK BATTERY -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 05-01-2012.pdf

Please see attached the C-141 Initial/Final Report for a release that occurred at our Skelly 973 Tank Battery. This battery is lined with a 40mil liner.

Thank you,

### **Joshua Russo**

HSE Coordinator  
550 W. Texas Ave, Suite 100  
Midland, Texas 79701  
Phone: (432) 683-7443  
Cell: (432) 212-2399  
[jrusso@conchoresources.com](mailto:jrusso@conchoresources.com)



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## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Michelle Mullins [MMullins@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 1:48 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Amos, James A; Gregston, Terry G  
**Cc:** Joshua Russo  
**Subject:** Skelly Unit 973-Immediate Notification

Mr. Bratcher, Mr. Amos, Ms. Gregston:

On 5-1-12 at approximately 6:30 am, a produced water release was discovered at the above-referenced battery. A nipple on the filter pot failed, allowing the release. An estimated 80bbls of produced water was released with 79 bbls being recovered. This facility has a 20 mil liner. The filter pot has been removed from service while fittings are being replaced. We will get more details and follow up with a C-141 Report.

GPS coordinates, legal description, and driving directions below.

N 32.8257 W 103.8739

Skelly Unit 973  
Unit B Section 21  
T17S, R31E  
430' FNL, 2435' FEL  
Eddy Co. NM  
API 30-015-36283

From Loco Hills drive east on 82 to Sweet Gum Road (CR 223) , turn north. At first intersection, turn east. Battery is on the right.

Thank you,

Michelle Mullins  
HSE Field Tech  
2407 Pecos Avenue  
P.O. Box 1630  
Artesia, NM 88211-1630  
Phone: (575)746-2010  
Cell: (432) 934-1052  
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