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with Rule 116 on back  
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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	Continental A State Tank Battery	Facility Type	Tank Battery

Surface Owner	State	Mineral Owner		Lease No. (API#)	30-015-29696
				Closest well location	

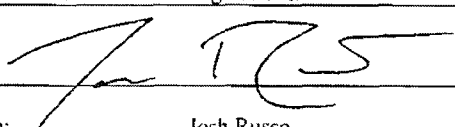
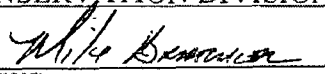
LOCATION OF RELEASE

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

Latitude 32 48.726 Longitude 104 06.985

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Oil	Volume of Release	30bbbls	Volume Recovered	27bbbls
Source of Release	2" bull plug at tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence	05/23/2012	Date and Hour of Discovery	05/23/2012 7:00 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	05/23/2012 8:55 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" bull plug came out at the sales tank releasing oil into the facility. The bull plug has been replaced.					
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*					
Initially 30bbbls of oil was released from the sales tank and we were able to recover 27bbbls with a vacuum truck. All free fluids have been recovered and several inches of the contaminated soil has been removed and hauled to disposal. Tetra Tech will sample the spill site area to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present a remediation 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:		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name:	Josh Russo	Signed By  Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title:	HSE Coordinator	Approval Date:	JUN 07 2012
E-mail Address:	jrusso@conchoresources.com	Expiration Date:	
Date:	06/04/2012	Phone:	432-212-2399
		Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>

Remediation per OCD Rules &  
Guidelines. SUBMIT REMEDIATION  
PROPOSAL/NOT LATER THAN:  
7/7/2012

2RA-1160

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@concho.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 04, 2012 3:52 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Tavarez, Ike; Dorey, Kim; Franklin, Tom K.  
**Subject:** C-141 Initial Report - Continental A State Tank Battery  
**Attachments:** CONTINENTAL A STATE TANK BATTERY -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 05-23-2012.pdf

Mr. Bratcher,

Please see attached the C-141 Initial Report for a release that occurred inside the Continental A State Tank Battery. 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:** Wednesday, May 23, 2012 7:55 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Joshua Russo  
**Subject:** Continental A State Battery-Immediate Notification

Mr. Bratcher:

On 5-23-12 at 7:00am, a release was discovered at the Continental A State Battery. Approximately 30 bbls of oil was released inside an unlined dike. The incident occurred due to a bull plug failing on the sales tank circulating line. Standing fluid and contaminated soil will be removed. We will provide more details as they become available. GPS coordinates, driving directions, and legal description listed below.

N32\* 48.726 W104\* 06.985

Continental A State #1  
330' FNL and 1409'FWL  
Sec. 30 T17S R29E  
Eddy County E-4201  
API # 30-015-29696

From Highway 82, turn north at MM 123, travel approximately .25 miles to location on right.

Thank you.

Michelle Mullins  
HSE Field Tech  
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P.O. Box 1630  
Artesia, NM 88211-1630  
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Cell: (432) 934-1052  
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