

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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Form C-141  
Revised August 8, 2011

Oil Conservation Division NMOC DARTESIA  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Release Notification and Corrective Action

nJMW1329151283 OPERATOR ☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report  
Name of Company: Cimarex Energy 162683 Contact: Max Pfaff  
Address: 7101 Norris Rd. Carlsbad, NM 88220 Telephone No.: 575-725-7675  
Facility Name: Crow Flats 16 State Com 3H Facility Type: Production  
Surface Owner: Mineral Owner: APINo: 30-015-35779

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
	16	16-S	28-E	1980	South	330	West	Eddy

Latitude 32.92076 Longitude -104.18828

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: <u>Crude Oil</u>	Volume of Release <u>50 bbls</u>	Volume Recovered <u>41 bbls</u>
Source of Release <u>Rusted out tank bottom</u>	Date and Hour of Occurrence: <u>10/16/2013 at 4:00 PM</u>	Date and Hour of Discovery: <u>10/16/2013 at 4:00 PM</u>
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? <u>I called Mike Bratcher the following day and left voicemail message.</u>	
By Whom? <u>Max Pfaff</u>	Date and Hour: <u>10/17/2013, 1:40 PM</u>	
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.\*

There was a backhoe operator on location cleaning up oily stained spots within the tank battery with a handheld, spade shovel. He was removing some stained soil underneath the load line valve of oil tank #2. When he removed the shovelful of contaminated soil, the rusted tank bottom gave way at the very front of the tank. This tank has been taken out of service and washed out.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

An area of 80' x 12' of the plastic lined, earthen berm containment was affected by the oil release. The contaminated gravel within this containment will be removed and replaced with fresh gravel.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOC D 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 NMOC D 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, NMOC D 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: <u>Max Pfaff</u>	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: <u>Max Pfaff</u>	Approved by Environmental Specialist: <u>Mike Bratcher</u> Signed By	OCT 18 2013
Title: <u>Assistant Production Foreman</u>	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: <u>mpfaff@cimarex.com</u>	Conditions of Approval: Remediation per OCD Rule & Guidelines. <b>SUBMIT REMEDIATION</b>	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <u>10/17/2013</u> Phone: <u>575-725-7675</u>	PROPOSAL NO LATER THAN: <u>November 18, 2013</u>	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2013 9:54 AM  
**To:** 'Max Pfaff'  
**Cc:** James Tinney; Christine Alderman; Johnny Titsworth  
**Subject:** RE: Crow Flats 16 State Com 3H C-141 form

Thanks Max. I appreciate the quick response. Please keep me updated on progress.

Mike Bratcher  
NMOCD District 2  
811 S. First Street  
Artesia, NM 88210  
O: 575-748-1283 X108  
C: 575-626-0857  
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**From:** Max Pfaff [<mailto:MPfaff@cimarex.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2013 3:30 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** James Tinney; Max Pfaff; Christine Alderman; Johnny Titsworth  
**Subject:** Crow Flats 16 State Com 3H C-141 form

Mike,

I tried to call you earlier today to discuss this spill. We have already started cleaning up inside the containment.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thanks,

Max B. Pfaff  
Assistant Production Foreman  
Carlsbad District  
Main: 575-628-3447  
Cell: 575-725-7675  
[mpfaff@cimarex.com](mailto:mpfaff@cimarex.com)

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**From:** Max Pfaff <MPfaff@cimarex.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2013 9:56 AM  
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Will do. I will be going to check on the job shortly. We are removing contaminate inside containment and replacing gravel today.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 18, 2013, at 9:53 AM, "Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD" <[mike.bratcher@state.nm.us](mailto:mike.bratcher@state.nm.us)> wrote:

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