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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
 side of form

30-015-05284

Release Notification and Corrective Action

NMCS04/27577

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	Merit Energy Company	Contact	TERRY GRANTHAM
Address	P.O. Box 69 Loco Hills New Mexico	Telephone No.	505-420-5512
Facility Name	Russel Tupper Water Station	Facility Type	Water Flood Station
Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner	Federal
Lease No.			

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
	20	T17S	R31E					Eddy

Latitude

Longitude

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Oil & Water	Volume of Release	200 bbls.	Volume Recovered	200 bbls.
Source of Release	Busted Fiberglass TANK	Date and Hour of Occurrence		Date and Hour of Discovery	
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?			
By Whom?	Pumper	Don Cleg Horn			
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Date and Hour	4-14-04	8:00 A.M.	
		If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.			

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.

NO

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.* Lightning hit TOP of Fiberglass TANK & Busted the TOP out of the TANK & splitting TANK down the side & Broke connections when Steps & Walk way Fell off TANK causing the oil & water spill.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* Inside the TANK Burn was the only area affected by the spill nothing got outside the Burn. HAD VACUUM TRUCK come to location and pull all fluid from inside the Burn & empty out TANK. In the process of getting new tank going to dig out old dirt & haul fresh dirt back in before setting tank.

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 poses 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: <u>Terry M. Grantam</u>		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: <u>TERRY GRANTHAM</u>		Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title: <u>Lead Pumper</u>		Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address:		Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <u>4-27-04</u>	Phone: <u>505-420-5512</u>		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

* Faxed to landowner.

* Work plan Reg. 211 sent.

TRANSACTION REPORT

P. 01

MAY-04-2004 TUE 09:29 AM

FOR: OCD DISTRICT II

15057489720

RECEIVE

DATE	START	SENDER	RX TIME	PAGES	TYPE	NOTE	M#	DP
MAY-04	08:43 AM	15056772283	41"	1	RECEIVE	OK		

ATT. Mr. Mike Stubblefield

Sending This Spill Report To you Because I AM Not For sure if this spill WAS brought to your attention or not when COY WAS taking care of the Russell Turner Water Station. I JUST started taking care of the OGD & BLM NOW-compliance's. Please CONTACT me AT 420-5512 IF YOU HAVE ANY question's. we ARE in the Process OF getting this TANK Replaced & Spill taken care of.

THANK YOU
TERRY GRANTHAM
Merit Energy COMPANY

This sheet Plus Spill Report :



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

BILL RICHARDSON

Governor

Joanna Prukop

Cabinet Secretary

Lori Wrotenbery

Director

Oil Conservation Division

5/12/2004

Merit Energy

Att: Brandon Ripley

P.O. Box 69

Loco Hills, N.M. 88255

Re: sec. 20-17s-31e

Russel Turner Water Flood Station.

Dear Mr. Brandon Ripley,

The Artesia Oil Conservation Division is in receipt of the initial C-141 form (copy included) dated 5/6/2004 from Merit Energy.

Please submit a Corrective Action work plan to the Artesia O.C.D. for correction of this release. Please use the "Guidelines For Remediation of leaks, spills, and releases" as your guide.

A copy of the Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases, published 1993, can be found at the O.C.D. web address WWW.EMNRD.STATE.NM.US/OCD.

The published document can be found on the O.C.D. web page under Publications/Environmental Handbook/Miscellaneous Guidelines/Spill Prevention Clean up.

The work plan presented to the O.C.D. must include general site characteristics, soil remediation action levels, soil remediation methods, and planned analytical, which will require testing for TPH, BTEX & Chlorides.

A Final C-141 form is required for closure of the initial C-141 form filed. The Final C-141 Form filed must include a report of remediation actions taken with analytical results attached

Please have the requested work plan in the Artesia office on or before 6/12/2004.

The Artesia O.C.D. must be notified 24 hours prior to any remediation actions and/or subsequent soil samples taken for analytical.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe. Such a hearing may result in imposition of **CIVIL PENALTIES** for your violation of OCD rules.

If I can be of assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-748-1283
Or E-mail me at MSTUBBLEFIELD@STATE.NM.US.

Sincerely,

Mike Stubblefield

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N.M.O.C.D.