

# NM OIL CONSERVATION

ARTESIA DISTRICT

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Form C-141  
Revised April 3, 2017

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  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

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Submit copy to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

## Release Notification and Corrective Action

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### OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company Marathon Oil Company 372098	Contact Wendy Gram
Address 5555 San Felipe Street, Houston, Texas 77056	Telephone No. 701-690-6519 (cell) 713-296-2862 (office)
Facility Name Bootlegger 21 Federal Com #1H	Facility Type Oil well

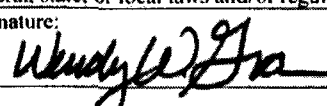
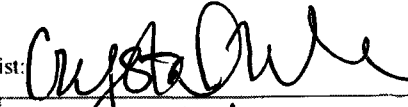
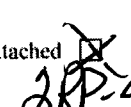
Surface Owner BLM	Mineral Owner BLM	API No. 30-015-43970
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### LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter P	Section 16	Township 20S	Range 29E	Feet from the 240	North/South Line South	Feet from the 360	East/West Line East	County Eddy
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Latitude 32.56687638 Longitude -104.07262819 NAD83

### NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release 9% by volume solution of hydrochloric acid and flowback water	Volume of Release 30 barrels	Volume Recovered 0 barrels
Source of Release Contractor's well completions equipment	Date and Hour of Occurrence 7/18/2017 11PM	Date and Hour of Discovery 7/18/2017 11 PM.
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Immediate notification not provided because location was BLM surface and minerals, and BLM immediate reporting thresholds were used.	
By Whom?	Date and Hour	
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.* Not applicable.		
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.* While displacing a 9% by volume hydrochloric acid solution during well completions activities, a discharge hose on the blender parted resulting in a 30 barrel (50'X80'X.5") release to the pad (ground) at the well-site location. No material went offsite. The job was stopped immediately. The contractor applied soda ash to neutralize the spill. Because the spill was neutralized, Marathon assumed for reporting purposes that none of the original material was recovered.		
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* Marathon personnel discussed proposed site cleanup activities with Shelly Tucker of the BLM on 8/7/2017. The contractor responsible for the spill and cleanup (BJ Services) is preparing a work plan that will involve removing soil on location and then sampling the bottom and side walls to verify that all potentially contaminated soil has been removed.		
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 Wendy Gram	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Title: Sr. HES Professional	Approval Date: 8/14/17	Expiration Date: N/A
E-mail Address: wwgram@marathonoil.com	Conditions of Approval:	
Date: July 25, 2017 (original), revised 8/7/2017 Phone: 701-690-6519 (cell) 713-296-2862 (office)	see attached	Attached  28P-4310

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Operator/Responsible Party,

The OCD has received the form C-141 you provided on 7/26/2017 regarding an unauthorized release. The information contained on that form has been entered into our incident database and remediation case number ARP-4310 has been assigned. **Please refer to this case number in all future correspondence.**

It is the Division's obligation under both the Oil & Gas Act and Water Quality Act to provide for the protection of public health and the environment. Our regulations (19.15.29.11 NMAC) state the following,

*The responsible person shall complete division-approved corrective action for releases that endanger public health or the environment. The responsible person shall address releases in accordance with a remediation plan submitted to and approved by the division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with 19.15.30 NMAC. [emphasis added]*

Release characterization is the first phase of corrective action unless the release is ongoing or is of limited volume and all impacts can be immediately addressed. Proper and cost-effective remediation typically cannot occur without adequate characterization of the impacts of any release. Furthermore, the Division has the ability to impose reasonable conditions upon the efforts it oversees. **As such, the Division is requiring a workplan for the characterization of impacts associated with this release be submitted to the OCD District 2 office in ARTESIA on or before 8/26/2017. If and when the release characterization workplan is approved, there will be an associated deadline for submittal of the resultant investigation report. Modest extensions of time to these deadlines may be granted, but only with acceptable justification.**

The goals of a characterization effort are: 1) determination of the lateral and vertical extents along with the magnitude of soil contamination. 2) determine if groundwater or surface waters have been impacted. 3) If groundwater or surface waters have been impacted, what are the extents and magnitude of that impact. 4) The characterization of any other adverse impacts that may have occurred (examples: impacts on vegetation, impacts on wildlife, air quality, loss of use of property, etc.). To meet these goals as quickly as possible, the following items must, at a minimum, be addressed in the release characterization workplan and subsequent reporting:

- Horizontal delineation of soil impacts in each of the four cardinal compass directions. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C<sub>6</sub> thru C<sub>36</sub>), and for chloride by Method 300. This is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants. Analyzed parameters should be modified based on the nature of the released substance(s). Soil sampling must be both within the impacted area and beyond.
- Vertical delineation of soil impacts. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C<sub>6</sub> thru C<sub>36</sub>), and for chloride by Method 300. As above, this is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants and can be modified. Vertical characterization samples should be taken at depth intervals no greater than five feet apart. Lithologic description of encountered soils must also be provided. At least ten vertical feet of soils with contaminant concentrations at or below these values must be demonstrated as existing above the water table.
- Nominal detection limits for field and laboratory analyses must be provided.
- Composite sampling is not generally allowed.
- Field screening and assessment techniques are acceptable (headspace, titration, EC [include algorithm for validation purposes], EM, etc.), but the sampling and assay procedures must be clearly defined. Copies of field notes are highly desirable. A statistically significant set of split samples must be submitted for confirmatory laboratory analysis, including the laterally farthest and vertically deepest sets of soil samples. Make sure there are at least two soil samples submitted

for laboratory analysis from each borehole or test pit (highest observed contamination and deepest depth investigated). Copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

- Probable depth to shallowest protectable groundwater and lateral distance to nearest surface water. If there is an estimate of groundwater depth, the information used to arrive at that estimate must be provided. If there is a reasonable assumption that the depth to protectable water is 50 feet or less, the responsible party should anticipate the need for at least one groundwater monitoring well to be installed in the area of likely maximum contamination.

- If groundwater contamination is encountered, an additional investigation workplan may be required to determine the extents of that contamination. Groundwater and/or surface water samples, if any, must be analyzed by a competent laboratory for volatile organic hydrocarbons (typically Method 8260 full list), total dissolved solids, pH, major anions and cations including chloride and sulfate, dissolved iron, and dissolved manganese. The investigation workplan must provide the groundwater sampling method(s) and sample handling protocols. To the fullest extent possible, aqueous analyses must be undertaken using nominal method detection limits. As with the soil analyses, copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

- Accurately scaled and well-drafted site maps must be provided providing the location of borings, test pits, monitoring wells, potentially impacted areas, and significant surface features including roads and site infrastructure that might limit either the release characterization or remedial efforts. Field sketches may be included in subsequent reporting, but should not be considered stand-alone documentation of the site's layout. Digital photographic documentation of the location and fieldwork is recommended, especially if unusual circumstances are encountered.

**Nothing herein should be interpreted to preclude emergency response actions or to imply immediate remediation by removal cannot proceed as warranted. Nonetheless, characterization of impacts and confirmation of the effectiveness of remedial efforts must still be provided to the OCD before any release incident will be closed.**

**Jim Griswold**

OCD Environmental Bureau Chief

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## Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD

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**From:** Gram, Wendy W. (MRO) <wwgram@marathonoil.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 7:58 AM  
**To:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Revised C-141 Marathon Oil Company Bootlegger  
**Attachments:** Untitled.pdf

Attached please find a revised C-141 form for the spill at the Bootlegger location. The reason it was not immediately reported was because it was BLM surface and BLM minerals, and we followed the BLM reporting threshold instead of the NMOCD threshold. I will be revising our release reporting guideline to correct this for future reporting. Please let me know if this does not fix the issues you had with the original form.

**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Gram, Wendy W. (MRO) <wwgram@marathonoil.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:08 AM  
**To:** Tucker, Shelly  
**Cc:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Adams, Noah J. (MRO); Peacock, Paul (MRO)  
**Subject:** C-141 Form Marathon Oil 2017 07 18 Completions Spill at Bootlegger 21 Federal Com # 1H  
**Attachments:** C-141 Form Marathon Oil 2017 07 18 Completions Spill at Bootlegger 21 Federal Com # 1H.doc

Attached please find a completed C-141 form for the referenced spill. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.