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Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis DDISTRICT II-ARTESIA O.C.D. NMAC.

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in

Santa Fe, NM 87505

Release Notification and Corrective Action **OPERATOR** Final Report Contact: Jeremy Waldschmidt Address: 522 W. Mermod, Suite 704 Carlsbad, N.M. 88220 Telephone No: 432-620-4334 Facility Name: Big Eddy 156 Facility Type: Exploration and Production Surface Owner: Federal Mineral Owner: Federal API No: 30-015-35269 LOCATION OF RELEASE Unit Letter Section Township Feet from the North/South Line Feet from the East/West Line County Range B **22S** 28E South West Eddy __ Longitude -104.0643080° Latitude___32.4131917° **NATURE OF RELEASE** Type of Release Produced fluid Volume of Release 18 bbls Volume Recovered Source of Release Production Tank - Thief Hatch Date and Hour of Occurrence Date and Hour of Discovery 6.8.2018 - 10:00 AM MST 6.8.2018 - 10:30 AM MST Was Immediate Notice Given? If YES, To Whom? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Required Mike Bratcher NMOCD), Crystal Weaver (NMOCD), S. Tucker (BLM), J. Amos (BLM) By Whom? Jeremy Waldschmidt Date and Hour: 6.11.2018 @ 3:47 PM MST - via email Was a Watercourse Reached? If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. ☐ Yes 🖾 No If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.* N/A Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.* A 210 bbl tank at the BEU 156 overflowed during pigging operations. All free-standing liquids were removed with a vacuum truck and impacted soil will be removed and disposed at an approved facility. Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* All free standing fluid was removed from the metal-lined berm and all impacted material has been removed and hauled to an approved facility. 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. OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Signature Approved by Environmental Special Printed Name Jeremy Waldschmidt **Expiration Date:** Title: SH&E Coordinator Approval Date: E-mail Address: Conditions of Approval: Jeremy waldschmidt@xtoenergy.com 6.12.2018 Phone: 432-620-4334

Operator/Responsible Party,

The OCD has received the form C-141 you provided on 6/12/2018 regarding an unauthorized release. The information contained on that form has been entered into our incident database and remediation case number 6/12/2018 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 <u>division-approved corrective action</u> 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 $\frac{2}{2}$ office in $\frac{ARTESIA}{ARTESIA}$ on or before $\frac{7/12/2018}{2018}$. 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; C₆ thru C₃₆), 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; C₆ thru C₃₆), 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.

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Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:45 PM

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Subject:

RE: [EXTERNAL] XTO Energy BEU 156 - 18 bbl. release

Attachments:

XTO BEU 156_C-141.pdf

Shelly,

Attached is the updated C-141.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Jeremy Waldschmidt MSO SH&E Coordinator XTO Energy Inc.

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Lightfoot, Kenneth < Kenneth_Lightfoot@xtoenergy.com > Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] XTO Energy BEU 156 - 18 bbl. release

The GPS coords go to BEU 167.....

NOTE: LPC Timing Stipulations are in effect - from **March 1st through June 15th**. Please plan remedial activities accordingly. Check for African Rue...treat (before it gets out of control).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shelly J Tucker

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The <u>BLM acceptance/approval does not</u> relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment or if the location fails to reclaim properly. <u>In such an event a site does not achieve successful restoration, or future issues with contaminants are encountered, the operator will be asked to address these issues until they are fully mitigated and the location is successfully reclaimed. In addition, BLM approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws/regulations.</u>

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On Tue, Jun 12, 2018 at 1:57 PM, Waldschmidt, Jeremy < Jeremy_Waldschmidt@xtoenergy.com> wrote:

Good afternoon.

This is to notify you on Friday, June 8th, 2018 @ 10:30 AM MST XTO discovered a 210 bbl. production tank had overflowed at the Big Eddy Unit 156 during pigging operations. After the first day of pigging the tank had been identified as close to full and a vacuum truck had been dispatched to pull the tank down to a manageable level. Unaware to XTO the vacuum truck was not able to make it out after the first day of pigging and the tank level was not verified prior to the second day of pigging operations. Approximately 18 bbls of produced fluid was release with 14 bbls contained and recovered from the metal-lined berm. The approximate 4 bbls sprayed outside of the secondary containment impacting approximately a 50 sq. ft. area. The area has been staked and cleanup plans have been communicated.

Attached is the completed and signed C-141 form.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

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