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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation District  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
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OCD-ARTESIA

Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

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Release Notification and Corrective Action

2RP-135

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

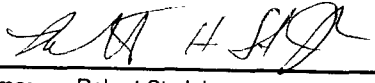
Name of Company DCP Midstream, LP		Contact Thomas G. Bernal
Address P.O. Box 1170, Artesia , 88210		Telephone No. (505) 677-5203
Facility Name Artesia Gas Plant		Facility Type Gas Plant
Surface Owner	Mineral Owner	Lease No.

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
					North		East	Eddy
Latitude				Longitude				

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Air	Volume of Release 742.60 mcf/event	Volume Recovered 0.00 mcf/event
Source of Release 23 (Emergency Acid Gas Flare, Permit #. P095)	Date and Hour of Release 02/05/2008 3:53 PM	Date and Hour of Discovery 02/05/2008 3:53 PM
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not Required	If YES, to Whom? Don Shainin, called and notified, left message	
By Whom? Dan C. Lewis	Date and Hour 02/06/2008 12:46 AM	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse 0.00 mcf/event	
If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*		
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.* The Artesia Gas Plant operates a multi-stage electric compressor to inject acid gas into subsurface formations. On February 5, 2007, the acid gas injection (AGI) compressor was shut down due to a lubricator no flow alarm. This lubricator pumps oil into the compressor cylinders to prevent the high friction normally associated with mechanical equipment to damage the compressors and valves. With the AGI compressor down, pressure in the acid gas piping began to increase. When the pressure in the acid gas piping exceeded established safety set points, the emergency acid gas flare was activated and the acid gas was routed to the emergency acid gas flare.		
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* DCP maintains 24-hour staffing to respond to emergencies and other plant activities. Upon receiving the lubricator low flow alarm, DCP immediately dispatched plant personnel to the AGI compressor. Several attempts were made to restart the lube oil pump. Although the lube pump would operate for several minutes, it would eventually shut down and the emergency acid gas flare would reactivate. Plant mechanics were dispatched to the AGI compressor where attempts were made to replace parts. Mechanics removed the lubricator pump and determined that the entire gearbox was unusable and a new lubricator box would be needed. DCP attempted to secure similar lubricator boxes from other DCP facilities, however the replacement lubricator boxes were not compatible with the AGI lubricator box at the Artesia Gas Plant. DCP located correct parts at 2 pm February 6th. These parts were delivered at 4:30 pm and installed by 7 pm. The installation was successful and the AGI compressor was restarted. Restarting the compressor lowered the pressure in the acid gas discharge piping and the flaring event terminated.  Concurrent with the maintenance activities to repair the lubricator box, Plant operators began cutting back inlet gas flow into the plant from approximately 70 MMSCF to 60 MMSCF at 5 am February 6. At 9:30 am, plant flow was further curtailed to 41 MMSCF. DCP field operators were contacted to reduce their compression into the Artesia Gas Plant. Curtailing delivery of gas into the Artesia Gas Plant lowered the amount of pollutants discharged into the atmosphere.  DCP authorized overtime to respond to this incident.		
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: Robert St. John	Approved By District Supervisor: T. Gunn by SD	
Title: FS-Sr Env Eng/Spec	Approval Date: 2-25-08	Expiration Date: _____
E-mail Address: RSt.John@dcpmidstream.com	Conditions of Approval: N/A	
Date: 02/18/2008 2:11 PM	Phone: (432) 620-4165	Attached <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

\* Attach additional sheets if necessary