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## State of New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505 Form C-141 Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate District Office in accordance with Rule 116 on back side of form

## **Release Notification and Corrective Action**

					<b>OPERATOR</b>			X Initial Report X Final Report					
Name of Co	mpany: F	Range Opera	(	Contact: Ch	ris Garcia								
Address PC	Box 157	0, Eunice, N		Telephone No.: 575-394-1485									
Facility Name: H. S. Turner Well No 8						Facility Type: Oil & Gas							
Surface Own	ner: Range	API No. 30-025-37873											
<u> </u>			CATIO	FION OF RELEASE									
Unit Letter M	Section 29	Township 21S	Range 37E	Feet from the 740'		South Line	Feet from the 380°	East/W FV	est Line VL	County Lea	•		
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LatitudeLongitude													
NATURE OF RELEASE													
Type of Release: Produced Water							Volume of Release: Appx. 60bbls Volume Recovered: 50 bbls						
Source of Release: Pressure gauge was unscrewed by individual(s) desiring to cause a spill and do harm to the company facilities.						Unknown but suspected earlier 4/8/08 @				Hour of Discovery: 0 0800 Hours			
Was Immediate Notice Given?						that morning If YES, To Whom?							
X Yes No Not Required						Larry Johnson							
By Whom? Cheryl Winkler (Kenny Angel discovered spill.)						Date and Hour: 8 April 2008 Approx. 0900 Rous							
Was a Watercourse Reached?  Yes X No						If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.  N/A  APR 1 4 2008							
If a Watercou	ırse was Im	pacted, Descr	ibe Fully.	· N	/A			*	6 8			<del>000 -</del>	4500
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*													
Individual(s) intending to cause the spill apparently unscrewed the backpressure valve. There is no physical way this valve could have come loose on its own. There was also a gunshot hole found in the location sign shot from the direction of the wellhead. (This is the second incident of vandalism of this type showing the same patterns, although not the same location.) The Sheriff was notified and came to location to take a statement from Kenny Angel. Since a vacuum truck was called as soon as the spill was discovered around 0800 Hours, most of the liquid was recovered. All contaminated material was removed immediately and stockpiled on plastic in preparation for disposal.													
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*  Eighty-four yards (7 truck loads) of stockpiled, contaminated soil was removed from location to the Sundance Disposal. Then clean material was obtained from the local caliche and sand pits to replace the removed soil and stockpiled on location until sample results could be obtained. Once the samples were pulled, infield analysis was conducted and the samples were then sent to Trace Analysis for legal analytical analysis.													
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.													
Signature: Chu Dusur						OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION							
Printed Name: Chris Garcia						Approved by District SENNIRONMENTAL ENGINEER							
Title: Production Supervisor Eunice/Loving, NM							pproval Date: 4.14.08 Expiration Date: 4.14.08				<u> </u>		
E-mail Add						Conditions of	Approval:			Attached			
Date: 14 April 2008 Phone: 575-394-1485										1RP. 1838			
Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary + COH 0812 33 7626													
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Mr. Chris Garcia
Area Production Supervisor, Eunice & Loving, NM
RANGE RESOURCES CORPORATION
PO Box 1570
Eunice, NM 88231

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14 April 2008

Mr. Larry Johnson
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
1625 N. French Drive
Hobbs, NM 88240

Re: W.H. Turner Well No. 8 Vandalism Induced Spill Corrective Action Plan and Final Remediation Report (API No.: 30-025-37873) U/L M S29 T21S R37E, 740' FSL, 380' FWL

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Range Operating Resources, Inc. (Range) herewith submits the following documents regarding the spill remediation on the W.H. Turner Well No. 8 vandalism induced spill that was discovered on 8 April 2008 at approximately 0800 Hours whose facility is located at the above-cited area. Larry Johnson of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) was notified at approximately 0900 Hours by leaving a phone message. The Lea County Sheriff's Office was also requested to come to the W.H. Turner Well No. 8 location as soon as possible to investigate the vandalism that caused the spill to occur. This was the second such spill exhibiting the same and/or very similar damage that had occurred on Range leases due to this type of vandalism, including a gunshot hole found in the location sign shot from the direction of the wellhead.

An individual(s) unscrewing the backpressure valve and allowing the release of approximately 60 barrels of oil and produced water onto the location caused the spill. Due to the size of the spill, it is estimated that the act of vandalism probably occurred in the early morning hours on Tuesday, 8 April and was discovered by Kenny Angel when he came to work that morning. A vacuum truck was called to begin to pick up the standing liquid and haul it off to disposal. During this process, 50 barrels were recovered out of approximately 60 which were spilled.

Following the removal of the standing liquid, NMOCD approved the removal and stockpiling of the contaminated soil onto plastic situated on the pad until it could be transported to Sundance Disposal the following day. A total of 84 yards of contaminated material were removed and hauled to disposal on 9 and 10 April followed by simultaneous import of the same volume of clean material to return the area to its former topographic relief. Soil samples were taken and infield analyses run to ascertain if more soil needed to be removed. Over 98% of the spill remained on the pad, with the exception of a very small area that ran off the eastern edge onto the pipeline right-of-way which was also excavated. All samples were sent to Trace Analytical Laboratory for legal analysis.

Therefore due to the (1) successful containment of the spill on the pad with an extremely minor amount on the edge of the pipeline ROW and (2) the fact there is no definable danger to human health or the environment, Range herewith simultaneously submits this single report constituting its Corrective Action Plan and Final Remediation Report and single document as its Initial and Final C-141 to satisfy NMOCD Regulatory Performa requirements. Laboratory analyticals shall be emailed directly from the lab.

Should you have questions please call the office (575-394-1485).

Sincerely,

Chris Garcia

Production Supervisor for Eunice/ Loving New Mexico

Enclosures: Initial/Final C-141