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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

30-015-36467

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	ELECTRA NORTH FEDERAL TANK BATTERY	Facility Type	Tank Battery

Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner		Lease No.	NM 0467931
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
B	10	17S	30E					EDDY

Latitude 32 51.190 Longitude 103 57.540

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release		Oil	Volume of Release		160bbls	Volume Recovered		145bbls
Source of Release		Equalizer	Date and Hour of Occurrence		03/13/2010	Date and Hour of Discovery		03/13/2010
Was Immediate Notice Given?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required			If YES, To Whom?		
						Mike Bratcher - OCD		
By Whom?		Josh Russo	Date and Hour		03/15/2010 4:59 p.m.			
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.\*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

The cause of the release was due to a plugged equalizer. The plugged equalizer has been repaired.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

The entire release was fully contained inside the dike walls of the tank battery. 160bbls of oil was initially released, and 145bbls were recovered by a vacuum truck. The contaminated dirt and gravel has been removed from the spill area. Tetra Tech will sample the spill site area to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present a remediation work plan to the NMOCD/BLM for approval prior to any significant remediation.

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:

Printed Name: Josh Russo

Title: HSE Coordinator

E-mail Address: jrusso@conchoresources.com

Date: 03/18/2010 Phone: 432-212-2399

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Approved by District Supervisor

Approval Date: 3/17/11

Expiration Date:

Conditions of Approval:

Remediation per OCD Rules &  
Guidelines. **SUBMIT REMEDIATION  
PROPOSAL NOT LATER THAN:**

Attached ☐

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@conchoresources.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2010 3:59 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Pat Ellis  
**Subject:** Immediate notification of release

Mike,

This e-mail is to give you immediate notification of a release we had on 03/13/2010. Below is the message that contains the detailed description and legal/GPS data of the spill. The C-141 Initial Report will be sent promptly.

Thanks,

**Joshua Russo**

HSE Coordinator  
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Midland, Texas 79701  
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**From:** Ryan Faulkenberry  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2010 11:26 AM  
**To:** Pat Ellis; Joshua Russo  
**Cc:** Kent Greenway; Rick Wright  
**Subject:** oil spill

On Saturday 3-13-10 there was an oil spill on the Electra North Fed. Battery. This was caused by a plugged equalizer. The amount lost was 200bls. It was contained in an unlined dike. We recovered 145bls. The dirt and gravel have been removed from spill area and waiting on orders to back fill. Following is the legal and gps description.

Unit B, Sec. 10-T17S-R30E  
Eddy County, New Mexico Fed.#NMNM0467931  
N-32\* 51.190' 32.8553  
W-103\* 57.540' 103.9650

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**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Joshua Russo [jrusso@conchoresources.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2010 1:37 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; james\_amos@nm.blm.gov  
**Cc:** Pat Ellis; Tavaréz, Ike  
**Subject:** C-141 Initial Report for the Electra North Federal Tank Battery  
**Attachments:** DOC001.PDF

Gentlemen,

Attached is the C-141 Initial Report for the Electra North Federal Tank Battery. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

**Joshua Russo**

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**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Tavaréz, Ike [Ike.Tavaréz@tetratech.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 1:57 PM  
**To:** 'terry\_gregston@nm.blm.gov'; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** 'PEllis@conchoresources.com'  
**Subject:** COG - Sampling Notification

Spruce Federal #1 TB  
Section 25, R17S, T27E

Electra North Federal TB  
Section 10, T17S, R30E

Terry,  
Tetra Tech will be onsite to inspect and assess the spill at the Spruce Federal on Thursday (4-1-10). The Electra site will be performed on Friday. Please call me if you any questions, thanks