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REPORTS**

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Oct. 27, 1998



Date: 01/11/99

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To: Roger Anderson - NMOCD

phone: 505-827-7152

fax: 505-827-8177

From: Tony Walker

address: 3B11 Adams Building
Bartlesville, OK 74004

phone: (918)661-3557

fax: (918)662-2304

RE: Updated Spill Report for Spill of 10-27-98

COMMENTS: Mr. Anderson, Per my discussion with Bill Olson, PPL is providing an updated spill report for a spill that occurred near Hobbs, New Mexico, in Lea County on 10-27-98. Please call if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Tony Walker

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January 11, 1999

**Spill Report - Update
West Texas Area - New Mexico
Phillips Pipe Line Company**

Mr. Roger Anderson
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 S. Pacheco St.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Phillips Pipe Line Company has enclosed an updated Form C-141 for a spill that occurred in Lea County, New Mexico on October 27, 1998. A copy of the initial report has been provided. Changes have been made in *Italics*.

The spill was initially considered a "Minor Release". Upon further investigation, it was determined that the spill had reached groundwater. PPL has been in contact with Chris Williams of the District 1 office of the NMOCD and Bill Olson of the Environmental Bureau of the NMOCD.

As noted in the updated C-141, a permanent monitoring well has been drilled. Currently, a baling program has been initiated. An abatement plan will follow shortly for State approval.

If you need more information regarding this notification, please contact me at 918-661-3557.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Anthony C. Walker'.

Anthony "Tony" C. Walker
Phillips Pipe Line Company
Staff Environmental Representative
3 B11 Adams Building

ACW: NMCOTSpillUpdate.doc

cc: (In Duplicate)
State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Dept.
Oil Conservation Division
District 1
P.O. Box 1980
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-1980

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Form C- 141
 Originated 2/13/97

Submit 2 copies to
 Appropriate District
 Office in accordance
 with Rule 116 on
 back side of form

Release Notification and Corrective Action
 OPERATOR

Initial Report Final Report

Name Phillips Pipe Line Company	Contact Anthony C. Walker
Address 3B11 Adams Building Bartlesville, OK 74004	Telephone No. 918-661-3557
Facility Name Line NM-1-1	Facility Type Crude Oil Gathering Line

Surface Owner Bill McNeil	Mineral Owner Bill McNeil	Lease No. N/A
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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
N	9	19S	38E	--	--	--	--	Lea County, NM

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Crude Oil	Volume of Release MAJOR	Volume Recovered 0 bbls
Source of Release Pipe Line Gathering System	Date and Hour of Occurrence 10-27-98 2:30 PM	Date and Hour of Discovery 10-27-98 2:30 PM
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES to Whom? NA	
By Whom? NA	Date and Hour? NA	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume impacting the Watercourse to Whom? Unknown	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully. (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)

Upon excavation of contaminated soils, it was discovered that the release extended deeper than suspected from initial investigations. At 15-20 feet the vertical extent of the contamination had not been determined. At this point, we ceased excavation of unsaturated soils and arranged for drilling to determine the vertical depth of the contamination. Upon drilling, it was discovered that the release had reached groundwater. The well was permanently set. Baling activities were initiated. An abatement plan is in development.

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)

Internal Corrosion of the pipeline was the cause of the leak. The line was repaired with a leak clamp.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)

The area affected by the spill was rocky soil. The area of impact was approximately 100' in length x 6' in width. The depth of contamination is to groundwater in some areas, which is approximately 40'.

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: <i>Anthony C Walker</i>	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Anthony C. Walker	Approved By Direct Supervisor:	
Title: Staff Environmental Representative	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
Date: 01/11/99	Phone: 918-661-3557	Conditions of Approval:
		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>

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Unit Letter	Section 9	Township 19S	Range 38E	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County Lea County, NM
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NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Crude Oil	Volume of Release 20 bbls	Volume Recovered 0 bbls
Source of Release Pipe Line Gathering System	Date and Hour of Occurrence 10-27-98 2:30 PM	Date and Hour of Discovery 10-27-98 2:30 PM
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	Exposure to Whom? NA	
By Whom? NA	Date and Hour? NA	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume impacting the Watercourse to Whom? NA	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully. (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)
NA

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)
Internal Corrosion of the pipeline was the cause of the leak. The line was repaired with a leak clamp.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)
The area affected by the spill was rocky soil. The area of impact was approximately 100' in length x 6' in width x 4' in depth. Affected soils were excavated and piled. Permission for on-site bioremediation of the soil is being sought from the landowner. If permission is granted, the soil will then be mixed and remediated on-site to the required action levels per NMOCD Guidelines. Follow-up reports will be submitted upon changes.

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Signature: Anthony C. Walker	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Staff Environmental Representative	Approved By Direct Supervisor:	
Title: 10-29-98	Approval Date: 918-661-3557	Expiration Date:
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