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December 15, 2004

Ray Westall
PO Box 4
Loco Hills NM 88255

Reference: Merland SWD O-24-22s-26e API: 30-015-22980

Operator,

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, District 2 office, is in receipt of initial Form C-141 submitted by your company regarding a release of 60 bbls produced water at the above referenced location. Please submit a Corrective Action work plan for remediation of this release using the "Guidelines For Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases" as your guide.

A copy of these Guidelines can be found on the OCD website: www.emnrd.state.nm.us/oed. The document is located on the web page under Publications/Environmental Handbook/Miscellaneous Guidelines/Spill Prevention Clean-up.

The work plan submitted to OCD must include general site characteristics (Depth to Ground Water, Wellhead Protection Area, and Distance to nearest Surface Water Body), soil remediation action levels, soil remediation methods and planned analytical, which will require testing for TPH, B-Tex and chlorides.

A "Final Report" C-141 form is required for closure of remediation project and must include a report of remediation actions taken with final analytical results attached.

Please have the requested work plan in the Artesia District Office on or before January 17, 2005.

Please notify Artesia OCD Office 24 hours prior to any remediation actions or sampling events.

In the event a satisfactory response is not received to this letter, further enforcement actions may be taken.

If I can be of assistance in this matter please contact me at 505-748-1283 Ext 108

Cell: 505-626-0857

Or Email at mbratcher@state.nm.us

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Bratcher".

Mike Bratcher

Compliance Officer NMOCD

District I
1625 N. Franch Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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 March 17, 1999

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

30-015-22980

Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company RAY WESTALL	Contact RANDALL HARRIS
Address Box 4 Loc Hills NM 88255	Telephone No. 677-2370
Facility Name MERLAND FWD	Facility Type DISPOSAL

Surface Owner MERLAND INC	Mineral Owner RAY WESTALL	Lease No.
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter 0	Section 24	Township 22S	Range 26E	Feet from the 990	North/South Line South	Feet from the 1870	East/West Line EAST	County EDDY
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NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release PRODUCED WATER	Volume of Release ± 60 bbls	Volume Recovered
Source of Release TRIPLEX PUMP	Date and Hour of Occurrence 3:00 PM 11/9/04	Date and Hour of Discovery 3:00 PM 11/9/04
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? OCD ARTESIA VIA FAX	
By Whom? RANDALL HARRIS	Date and Hour 3:10 PM 11/9/04	
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.*

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Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

BROKEN PIPE ON TRIPLEX **OCD ARTESIA**
SHUT WELLS IN

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

WATER CONTAINED IN FIRE WALLS &
BERM AREA - SENT VACUUM TRUCK TO REMOVE STANDING WTR

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOC 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 NMOC 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, NMOC 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: RANDALL HARRIS	Approved by T. Gamm	
Title: Geologist	District Supervisor: by Mike Bencher	
Date: 11/9/04	Approval Date: 12/15/04	Expiration Date: 6/15/05
Phone:	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary