

District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
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811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210
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1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
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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

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NMOCD Artesia

Form C-141
Revised August 8, 2011

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

Name of Company: Linn Operating Inc.	Contact: E. L. Gonzales
Address: 2130 W Bender Blvd, Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No: 575-738-1739
Facility Name: Lea D #023	Facility Type: Oil Producer

Surface Owner: Federal	Mineral Owner:	API No. 30-015-29703
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter F	Section 26	Township 17S	Range 31E	Feet from the 1322	North/South Line North	Feet from 1322	East/West Line West	County Eddy
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Latitude: 32.8092232 Longitude: -103.8445892

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Oil / Produced Water	Volume of Release: 3 bbls / 3 bbls	Volume Recovered: 0 / 0
Source of Release: Flow Line Fuse	Date and Hour of Occurrence 07/03/15	Date and Hour of Discovery 07/03/15 1:13 PM
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	
By Whom?	Date and Hour:	
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.*

As I was driving to the Lea D #023, just north east of Lea D #007 injection well, I saw the flow line from well #023 spraying fluid into the pasture. I drove to the Lea D #023 and shut the well in to stop it from making a bigger mess. The fluid was coming out from an old fuse that gave out. I called the roustabout gang to come and refuse the flow line and also called a backhoe to come and clean up the impacted area. The impacted area was about a 10 ft by 10 ft area.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.

On November 20, 2015, DFSI personnel on site to obtain samples within the leak area. Three samples were obtained and field sampled for chloride levels, as well as BTEX. The BTEX samples were performed using a Mini Rae Photoionization Detector (PID). Auger refusal was encountered at 8' and 9', SP2 and SP3, respectively. A clean field sample at SP1 was obtained and submitted for laboratory analysis at Cardinal Laboratories of Hobbs, NM for confirmation. On December 8, 2015, DFSI personnel returned to the location to install one soil bore. At 50' bgs, refusal was encountered. The 50' sample was submitted for laboratory analysis at Cardinal Laboratories of Hobbs, NM. A work plan was submitted to NMOCD and BLM on January 21, 2016, and approved on February 4, 2016 by BLM and on February 18, 2016 by NMOCD, with stipulations. Beginning May 5, 2016, DFSI personnel were on site to excavate to 4' bgs around SP2 and SP3. At the base of the excavation, a 20-mil liner was installed and properly seated. As per NMOCD request, sidewall samples of the excavation were obtained and submitted for analysis at Cardinal Laboratories of Hobbs, NM, resulting in low chloride, TPH and BTEX concentrations below regulatory limits. The excavation was backfilled with clean, imported soil to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area. Contaminated soil was properly disposed of at an NMOCD approved facility. The pasture area of the site was seeded with a mixture of blended vegetation.

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: EL Gonzales	Approved by Environmental Specialist:		
Title: Production Supervisor	Approval Date: 6/9/2016	Expiration Date: N/A	
E-mail Address: elgonzales@linenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 05-26-2016 Phone: 505-504-8002	FINAL		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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