

District I  
1625 N. French 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 October 10, 2003

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

30-015-31708

Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company Read & Stevens, Inc	Contact William V. Palmer
Address PO Box 1719, Lovington, NM 88260	Telephone No. 505.396.5391
Facility Name Bandit State lease	Facility Type Oil & Gas producing operations

Surface Owner Bill Gillock	Mineral Owner State of New Mexico	Lease No.
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section 10	Township 23S	Range 26W	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County Eddy
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Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Produced Water	Volume of Release Approx 100 bbls	Volume Recovered Approx 20 bbls
Source of Release Illegal dump from unknown operator. Report filed with Eddy County Sheriff's office. No witnesses.	Date and Hour of Occurrence June 11, 2005 PM	Date and Hour of Discovery June 12, 2005 AM
Was Immediate Notice Given? X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Oil Conservation Division, Artesia, NM Mr. Dan Barton	
By Whom? Kent Goodgion	Date and Hour June 12, 2005 9:00 AM	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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.\*

An illegal dumping of produced water along a lease road was discovered by the lease operator on Sunday morning, June 12, 2005. The County Sheriff's office and the Oil Conservation Division were notified immediately. An investigation was conducted by Deputy McAfee of the Sheriff's office. Immediate steps were taken to ensure maximum recovery of dumped fluids including vacuuming the affected area of residual fluids.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

The area affected included the west side of the lease road extending from approximately 1200' north of Read & Stevens, Inc Bandit State #3 well due south to the Bandit #2 & #3 tank battery thence due east approximately 1200' with the spillage on the south side of the road. Immediate clean up action was taken at the operator's expense including the vacuuming of all available residual fluids from the affected area.

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>William V. Palmer</i> 6/13		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: William V. Palmer		Approved by District Supervisor: <b>TIM GUM</b> by MB	
Title: Superintendent		Approval Date: 7/6/05	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: readandstevensinc@leaco.net		Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date: June 13, 2005 Phone: 505.396.5391			

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Director

**Oil Conservation Division**

Read & Stevens Inc  
PO Box 1719  
Lovington NM 88260

July 6, 2005

Reference: Bandit State Lease (Bandit 003) 10-23s-26e 30-015-31708

Operator,

The NMOCD District 2 office is in receipt of an Initial Report C-141 reporting an illegal dumping of produced fluids event that occurred at the above referenced site on June 11, 2005. The estimated release volume was reported to be 100 bbls with an estimated 20 bbls recovered.

The NMOCD, along with most of the Oil and Gas industry, is actively involved in attempting to identify companies and individuals that operate in this manner. We will use all means at our disposal to impose fines and or restrictions on companies that allow this type of activity to occur.

Due to the shallow ground water located in this area, the OCD feels that delineation and possible remediation of contaminants is required. At this time, our only recourse is to request the operator of record of the lease to perform this action.

Please delineate the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination and formulate a remediation work plan based on this information and NMOCD guidelines. Remediation guidelines may be found on the NMOCD website as follows: [www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd) (Publications/Environmental Handbook/Miscellaneous Guidelines/Spill Prevention Clean Up).

Please contact the NMOCD District 2 office 24 hours prior to commencement of activities and 24 hours prior to obtaining samples where analysis of samples are to be submitted to the NMOCD.

Thank you for your cooperation and if I can be of assistance, my contact information is listed below.

*Mike Bratcher*

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