

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., 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

Received 2/19/15  
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: <b>OXY USA Limited Partnership</b>	Contact: <b>Chris Jones</b>
Address: <b>102 S. Main St. Carlsbad, NM 88220</b>	Telephone No.: <b>575-628-4121</b>
Facility Name: <b>Martha Creek Gas Com Battery</b>	Facility Type: <b>Battery</b>
Surface Owner: <b>Federal</b>	Mineral Owner:
	API No.: Lease #: <b>NM D-29301 2RP-2272</b>

**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter	Section 30	Township 21S	Range 24E	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County Eddy
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Latitude **32.447610 N** Longitude **-104.5340 W**

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

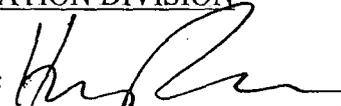
Type of Release: <b>Oil</b>	Volume of Release: <b>60 bbls</b>	Volume Recovered: <b>30 bbls</b>
Source of Release: <b>Circulating Pump</b>	Date and Hour of Occurrence <b>4/8/14</b>	Date and Hour of Discovery <b>4/8/14</b>
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Mike Bratcher @ NMOCD - email Jennifer Van Curen @ BLM - email	
By Whom? <b>Chris Jones</b>	Date and Hour: <b>4/9/2014 9:35 am</b>	
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.\* **A 1-inch valve on the circulating pump was found leaking causing 60 barrels of oil to be released within the dike of the battery. The facility was shut-in, the pump repaired and put back into service. A vacuum truck was immediately called to the location and 30 barrels of oil was recovered. The area impacted was within the walls of the battery.**

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* **Talon/LPE was contracted by Oxy for the correction of this release. Verbal permission was obtained from BLM and OCD to hand-excavate the impacted soil to the extent feasible within the battery to the top of rock. This was done and over 200 cubic yards of contaminated soil were disposed of at Lea Land. It would have been extremely difficult to do more work in the tank battery than was safely accomplished at that time - without total removal of the existing infrastructure. Talon personnel subsequently took a meeting with Mr. Bratcher and verbal permission to backfill the tank battery was obtained. We request that no further actions be required.**

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: <b>Chris Jones</b> <small>Digitally signed by Chris Jones DN: cn=Chris Jones, o=Oxy email=chjones88@oxy.com, c=US Date: 2015.02.19 10:13:58 -0600</small>	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: <b>Chris Jones</b>	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Title: <b>HES Specialist</b>	Approval Date: <b>2/24/15</b>	Expiration Date: <b>N/A</b>
E-mail Address: <b>Christopher.Jones@oxy.com</b>	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <b>2/18/2015</b> Phone: <b>575-628-4121</b>	<b>Final</b>	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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