

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

NM OIL CONSERVATION of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
ARTESIA DISTRICT
Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505
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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

NAME <u>NA31410356566</u>		OPERATOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Report <input type="checkbox"/> Final Report
Name of Company <u>SM ENERGY COMPANY</u> <u>154903</u>		Contact <u>LISA HUNT</u>	
Address <u>6301 Holiday Hill Rd. Bldg 1 Midland, TX 79707</u>		Telephone No. <u>(432) 848-4833</u>	
Facility Name <u>Geronimo Battery</u>		Facility Type <u>Battery</u>	
Surface Owner <u>BLM</u>		Mineral Owner	API No. <u>3001524927</u>

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter <u>G</u>	Section <u>24</u>	Township <u>18S</u>	Range <u>31E</u>	Feet from the <u>2310</u>	North/South Line <u>N</u>	Feet from the <u>2310</u>	East/West Line <u>E</u>	County <u>Eddy</u>
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Latitude 32.734005 Longitude

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Produced water	Volume of Release <u>14.33 BBLS</u>	Volume Recovered <u>13 BBLS</u>
Source of Release Check valve	Date and Hour of Occurrence <u>3/31/16</u>	Date and Hour of Discovery <u>3/31/16 7:30 AM</u>
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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.*

While making his rounds, the lease operator discovered that the 1/4" plug on a check valve located on the discharge of the produced water transfer pump had failed and was causing a spray of produced water to be released into the bermed portion of the battery.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

Approximately 70' x 25' bermed area. Vacuum truck driver picked up standing fluid and placed the fluid into the PW tank. The affected soil inside the battery will be blended with fresh soil.

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: <u>Lisa Hunt</u>		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: <u>Lisa Hunt</u>		Approved by Environmental Specialist <u>[Signature]</u>	
Title: <u>Regulatory Technician</u>		Approval Date: <u>4/12/16</u>	Expiration Date: <u>N/A</u>
E-mail Address: <u>Lhunt@sm-energy.com</u>		Conditions of Approval: Remediation per O.C.D. Rules & Guidelines	
Date: _____ Phone: _____		SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL NO. <u>5/13/16</u> Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Blending is not approved

LATER THAN: 5/13/16

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