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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, SPILLS, LEAKS, AND BLOWOUTS
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NAME OF OPERATOR Mesa Petroleum Co					ADDRESS 1000 Vaughn Bldg., Midland, Texas 79701		
REPORT OF	FIRE	BREAK	SPILL	LEAK	BLOWOUT	OTHER*	
TYPE OF FACILITY	DRLG WELL X	PROD WELL	TANK BTY	PIPE LINE	GASO PLNT	OIL RFY	OTHER*
NAME OF FACILITY Smith Federal Com #1							
LOCATION OF FACILITY (QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION OR FOOTAGE DESCRIPTION) 1700' FNL & 1650' FWL					SEC. 23	TWP. 24	RGE. 26
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR PROMINENT LANDMARK 5 miles northeast of White City					COUNTY Eddy		
DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURENCE 2:30 A.M. May 15, 1977				DATE AND HOUR OF DISCOVERY 2:30 A.M. May 15, 1977			
WAS IMMEDIATE NOTICE GIVEN?		YES	NO X	NOT REQUIRED		IF YES, TO WHOM	
BY WHOM				DATE AND HOUR			
TYPE OF FLUID LOST Brine Water (Drilling Fluid)				QUANTITY OF LOSS 150 bbl		VOLUME RECOVERED 30 bbl	
DID ANY FLUIDS REACH A WATERCOURSE?		YES	NO X	QUANTITY			
IF YES, DESCRIBE FULLY**							
DESCRIBE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN** While drilling with 12 1/4" bit @ 1076', gas unloaded hole at 2:30 AM. Force blew the bushings out of the rotary table. Approximately 150 bbls of brine water was scattered over location and on to adjoining alfalfa patch. Gas was from an unknown source and decreased in 3 1/2 hrs. There was no fire or injuries. The hole was filled with brine water and drilling resumed with no additional problems. After setting 8-5/8" casing, zone was covered with cement.							
DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN**							
Brine water not caught in steel pits was scattered over location and surrounding farming land. Brine water spray carried east and damaged alfalfa area approx. 300'x100'. Spray from flowline was forced south and damaged area approx. 100'x100'. Approx. 30 bbls of water was recovered from sump on location.							
DESCRIPTION OF AREA		FARMING X	GRAZING	URBAN		OTHER*	
SURFACE CONDITIONS		SANDY	SANDY LOAM X	CLAY	ROCKY	WET	DRY X
DESCRIBE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING (TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, ETC.)**							
Light westerly breeze (est. @ 10 MPH) with temperature in low 60's.							
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF							
SIGNED		Michael P. Houston			TITLE		Division Engineer
					DATE		June 3, 1977

*SPECIFY

**ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY