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Form C-141
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Appropriate District
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Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report

☒ Final Report

Name:	Burlington Resources	Contact:	Ed Hasely
Address:	P.O. Box 4289 Farmington NM 87499	Telephone No.:	(505) 326-9841
Facility Name:	HOWELL L 3	Facility Type:	Gas Well

Surface Owner:	Federal	Mineral Owner:	Federal	Lease Number:	NMSF-078385-A
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter:	Section:	Township:	Range:	Feet From the:	North/South Line:	Feet From the:	East/West Line:	County:
M	35	030N	008W	990	South	990	West	San Juan

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release:	Drill Cuttings and Fresh Water	Volume of Release:	24 BBLs.	Volume Recovered:	0 BBLs.
Source of Release:	Cathodic Protection Well	Date and Hour of Occurrence:	11/10/2001	Date and Hour of Discovery:	2/6/2002
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If Yes, To Whom?	Denny Foust		
By Whom?	Ed Hasely	Date and Hour:	2/6/2002 2:45:00 PM		
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	0		

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully. (Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary)

NA

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary)

Fresh water and drill cuttings from the drilling of the cathodic protection well for the Howell L #3 breached an earthen berm and ran off location approximately 600 feet.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary)

The fluid ran off location approximately 600 feet across mostly rocky terrain. The width of the spill path varied from 5 feet to 1 foot. The residue from the spill will be removed above the cliff and will be washed off the cliff face. Below the cliff, the impacted area will be raked to break up the remaining residue.

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>Ed Hasely</i>	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name:	Ed Hasely	Approved by:	<i>Denny Foust</i>
		District Supervisor:	<i>For Frank Chavez</i>
Title:	Environmental Representative	Approval Date:	<i>02/27/02</i>
		Expiration Date:	
Date:	<i>2/22/02</i>	Phone:	<i>(505) 326-9841 or 326-9842</i>
		Conditions of Approval:	<i>Attach Synops is</i>
		Attached:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Foust, Denny

From: Hasely Ed [LHasely@br-inc.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 4:59 PM
To: Denny Foust (E-mail)
Cc: Linthicum Don; Gantner Bruce
Subject: Howell L #3 - Additional Information

Mr. Foust:

As requested, the following is additional information concerning the drilling mud release from the cathodic well for the Howell L #3 well.

The release occurred during the drilling of the cathodic well on November 10, 2001, but the spill was not reported to Burlington Resources (BR). The company contracted to do drill the cathodic well did not realize the extent of the release and was negligent in failing to report the incident to BR.

The release occurred due to the cathodic well producing approximately 10 gallons per minute of water during some of the drilling operations. A small containment dike was constructed in an attempt to contain the fluids, but the dike failed. No drilling additives had been used. The release consisted of fresh water and drill cuttings from the 300 foot hole.

BR did not become aware of the release until the BLM (Mark Kelly) verbally notified me on February 6, 2002. The release had left a gray stain down a cliff face near some "rock art". BR immediately investigated the incident and set up a meeting w/ the contractors responsible for the release. On February 7, BR met w/ the manager and drilling personnel of the contractors responsible for installing the cathodic well. In the meeting, BR stressed the fact that actions must be taken to prevent reoccurrence and these type of incidents must be reported immediately to BR. The contractors agreed to have equipment available to provide necessary containment if drilling conditions change and additional action is required. The contractors also understand that if an incident does occur that there is no excuse for not reporting the incident to BR.

The remediation plan agreed upon w/ the BLM was to remove the impacted soils above the cliff face and blend them into the existing soils on location. The rock and cliff face was to be pressure washed and the impacted area below the cliff was to be raked or tilled in w/ the existing soils. This work took place on February 27, 2002 and was witnessed by Jim Copeland of the BLM.

Please let me know if you need additional information or would like to discuss this issue further.

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