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QUESTIONS

Action 23992

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Operator: EL PASO NATURAL GAS CO 2 N Nevada St Colorado Springs, CO 80903	OGRID: 7046
	Action Number: 23992
	Action Type: [NOTIFY] Notification of Legacy Release (NOR-LR)

**QUESTIONS****Location of Release Source**

Please answer all of the questions in this group.

Site Name	Jal #4 Gas Plant
Date Release Discovered	01/01/1989
Surface Owner	Private

**Incident Details**

Please answer all of the questions in this group.

Incident Type	Release Other
Did this release result in a fire or is the result of a fire	Not answered.
Has this release reached or does it have a reasonable probability of reaching a watercourse	Not answered.
Has this release endangered or does it have a reasonable probability of endangering public health	Not answered.
Has this release substantially damaged or will it substantially damage property or the environment	Not answered.
Is this release of a volume that is or may with reasonable probability be detrimental to fresh water	Yes

**Nature and Volume of Release**

Material(s) released, please answer all that apply below. Any calculations or specific justifications for the volumes provided should be attached to the follow-up C-141 submission.

Crude Oil Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Produced Water Released (bbls) Details	Cause: Normal Operations   Gas Plant   Produced Water   Released: 0 BBL (Unknown Released Amount)   Recovered: 0 BBL   Lost: 0 BBL ]
Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l	Yes
Condensate Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Other Released Details	Not answered.
Are there additional details for the questions above (i.e. any answer containing Other, Specify, Unknown, and/or Fire, or any negative lost amounts)	NOTE: this NOR is being submitted to obtain a NMOCD Incident Number for this historical matter, which has been managed under Order AP-101. A leak was detected in a lined brine pond in 1989, and two brine ponds were subsequently retired. In respond to the reported leak, NMOCD required a hydrologic study be conducted. Subsurface investigations conducted in 1989 and 1990 determined elevated levels of chloride and benzene were present in groundwater beneath the plant and were the result of historical plant operations, including past operation of wastewater ponds.
Is this a gas only submission (i.e. only significant Mcf values reported)	No, according to supplied volumes this does not appear to be a "gas only" report.
Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC	Yes, major release.
Reasons why this would be considered a submission for a notification of a major release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unauthorized release of an unknown volume (TBD), excluding gases, of 25 barrels or more</li> <li>All Incident Details questions must be answered</li> <li>This release is of a volume that is or may be, with reasonable probability be detrimental to fresh water</li> </ul>
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, by whom	unknown
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If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, when	01/01/1989
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, by what means (phone, email, etc.)	unknown
With the implementation of the 19.15.27 NMAC (05/25/2021), venting and/or flaring of natural gas (i.e. gas only) are to be submitted on the C-129 form.	

**Initial Response**

The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury.

The source of the release has been stopped	True
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The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment	True
Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices	True
All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately	True
If all the actions described above have not been undertaken, explain why	Not answered.
<i>Per 19.15.29.8 B. (4) NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please prepare and attach a narrative of actions to date in the follow-up C-141 submission. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a) NMAC), please prepare and attach all information needed for closure evaluation in the follow-up C-141 submission.</i>	

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that I am authorized to submit notification of a releases on behalf of my operator.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that upon submitting this application, I will be creating a new incident file (assigned to my operator) to track the notification(s) and corrective action(s) for a release, pursuant to NMAC 19.15.29.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that creating a new incident file will require my operator to file subsequent submission(s) of form "C-141, Application for administrative approval of a release notification and corrective action", pursuant to NMAC 19.15.29.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge the fact that the acceptance of a C-141 report by the OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge the fact that, in addition, OCD 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.

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
system	When submitting future reports regarding this release, please submit the calculations used or specific justification for the volumes reported on the initial C-141.	4/16/2021