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Action 23554

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Operator: EL PASO NATURAL GAS CO 2 N Nevada St Colorado Springs, CO 80903	OGRID: 7046
	Action Number: 23554
	Action Type: [NOTIFY] Notification of Legacy Release (NOR-LR)

QUESTIONS

Location of Release Source	
<i>Please answer all of the questions in this group.</i>	
Site Name	Blanco Gas Plant South Flare Pit and D Plant Area
Date Release Discovered	12/21/1987
Surface Owner	Private

Incident Details	
<i>Please answer all of the questions in this group.</i>	
Incident Type	Release Other
Did this release result in a fire or is the result of a fire	No
Has this release reached or does it have a reasonable probability of reaching a watercourse	No
Has this release endangered or does it have a reasonable probability of endangering public health	No
Has this release substantially damaged or will it substantially damage property or the environment	No
Is this release of a volume that is or may with reasonable probability be detrimental to fresh water	Yes

Nature and Volume of Release	
<i>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.</i>	
Crude Oil Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Produced Water Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l	No
Condensate Released (bbls) Details	Cause: Normal Operations Pit (Specify) Condensate Released: 0 BBL (Unknown Released Amount) Recovered: 0 BBL Lost: 0 BBL]
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 GW-49-2. Some documents pertaining to this matter are also located under Incident Number NAUTOFCS000155. A hydrocarbon release from a UST removed from the D Plant Area was first reported to the NMOCD in December 1987. Elevated levels of nitrate in groundwater were discovered in a monitoring well completed adjacent to the South Flare Pit during an Plant-wide investigation, documented in the January 1989 Groundwater Investigation Report by Bechtel Environmental. It was concluded from the investigation the source of the nitrate was from an upgradient source. Subsequent investigations on the Blanco Plant completed in 1990 and 2003 revealed elevated levels of nitrate both around the South Flare Pit and the D Plant area of the Blanco Plant. While various Blanco Plant operations have used nitrate-containing materials, no known source or specific releases were identified. The South Flare Pit was excavated and closed in 1993.
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"> Unauthorized release of an unknown volume (TBD), excluding gases, of 25 barrels or more This release is of a volume that is or may be, with reasonable probability be detrimental to fresh water
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, by whom	John Bridges (EPNG)
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, to whom	David Boyer, NMOCD
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, when	12/21/1987
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, by what means (phone, email, etc.)	verbal report

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	
<i>The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury.</i>	
The source of the release has been stopped	True
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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	Action Number:	23554
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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