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Action 57688

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Operator: ASCENT ENERGY, LLC. 1125 17th St Denver, CO 80202	OGRID: 325830
	Action Number: 57688
	Action Type: [NOTIFY] Notification Of Release (NOR)

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

Please answer all of the questions in this group.

Site Name	Big Bucks Fed Com 501
Date Release Discovered	10/16/2021
Surface Owner	Federal

**Incident Details**

Please answer all of the questions in this group.

Incident Type	Produced Water Release
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	No

**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: Overflow - Tank, Pit, Etc.   Other (Specify)   Produced Water   Released: 1,500 BBL   Recovered: 360 BBL   Lost: 1,140 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)	Release During night water transfer operations, the water transfer company- NexGen Water Solutions, LLC employee's Terrel Night and Demontrell Taylor failed to turn off the water transfer pump at the Big Moose above ground storage tank (AST) thus allowing produced water to be transferred to the Big Bucks AST. Both employees fell asleep on shift and were not awake to see the temporary rental Big Bucks AST over fill and release produced water onto the pad and field behind the Big Bucks AST. NexGen has assumed fault and all financial liability. The C141 will be transferred into NexGen Water Solutions, LLC once OGRID # has been established.
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 a volume, excluding gases, of 25 barrels or more</li> </ul>
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, by whom	Jody Robertson Foreman- called Mike Bratcher
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, to whom	Left Mike Bratcher a VM
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, when	10/16/2021
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD, by what means (phone, email, etc.)	Phone Call and left a voicemail
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
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
jromano	When submitting future reports regarding this release, please submit the calculations used or specific justification for the volumes reported on the initial C-141.	10/25/2021