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Form C-141  
Revised August 24, 2018  
Submit to appropriate OCD District office

Incident ID	
District RP	
Facility ID	
Application ID	

## Release Notification

### Responsible Party

Responsible Party	Apache Corporation	OGRID	873
Contact Name	Larry Baker	Contact Telephone	432-250-8384
Contact email	larry.baker@apachecorp.com	Incident # (assigned by OCD)	
Contact mailing address	303 Veterans Airpark Lane Midland, TX 79705		

### Location of Release Source

Latitude 32.6323128 Longitude -103.3234024  
(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name	W A Weir B #006	Site Type	Oil Well
Date Release Discovered	11/17/2023	API# (if applicable)	30-025-34024

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
G	26	19S	36E	Lea

Surface Owner: ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Tribal ☒ Private (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

### Nature and Volume of Release

Material(s) Released (Select all that apply and attach calculations or specific justification for the volumes provided below)

<input type="checkbox"/> Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls) 10	Volume Recovered (bbls) 5
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)


Cause of Release Surface casing failure.

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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release?  Due to it was a casing failure.
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)? Bruce Baker notified Mike Bratcher via email on 11/18/2023.	

### Initial Response

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The source of the release has been stopped. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.	
If all the actions described above have <u>not</u> been undertaken, explain why:          	
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 attach a narrative of actions to date. 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 attach all information needed for closure evaluation.	
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. 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. 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.	
Printed Name: <u>Larry Baker</u>	Title: <u>Environmental Specialist Sr.</u>
Signature: <u></u>	Date: <u>12/6/2023</u>
email: <u>larry.baker@apachecorp.com</u>	Telephone: <u>432-250-8384</u>
<b><u>OCD Only</u></b>  Received by: _____ Date: _____	

**Volume Calculation**

49.98 cubic feet of pasture X 7.48=373 gallons/42=8.9 barrels X .4 soil porosity= 3.5 barrels

166.6 cubic feet of lease pad X 7.48=1246 gallons/42=29 barrels X .05 soil porosity=1.48 Barrels

Total 3.5 +1.48+ 5 recovered=9.98 barrels lost.

**From:** [Bratcher, Michael, EMNRD](#)  
**To:** [Baker, Larry](#)  
**Cc:** [Bole, Barrett](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Release Notification  
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023 10:41:40 AM

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Bruce,

Your request for a variance to the 15 day time frame to submit the initial C-141 for this release is approved as requested. The new due date will be 12/9/23. Please include this correspondence with your submittal.

Thank you,

**Mike Bratcher** • Incident Supervisor  
Environmental Bureau  
EMNRD - Oil Conservation Division  
506 W. Texas Ave | Artesia, NM 88210  
(575) 626-0857 | [mike.bratcher@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:mike.bratcher@emnrd.nm.gov)  
<http://www.emnrd.nm.gov/oecd>



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**From:** Baker, Larry <Larry.Baker@apachecorp.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 1, 2023 9:33 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Michael, EMNRD <mike.bratcher@emnrd.nm.gov>  
**Cc:** Bole, Barrett <Barrett.Bole@apachecorp.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Release Notification

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Mr. Bratcher,

Our production team has been in communication with the OCD regarding the issue. A clamp was installed over the release point and the fluid was piped to a frac tank to contain most of the fluid except for there is some limited dripping coming from the clamp that is impacted the ground our

estimate is approximately 2 barrels. I mis communicated in my initial email that the source was stopped. I tried to call yesterday to discuss because the timeline for submitting an Initial C-141 expires today and I would like to ask for a 7 day extension so that when it is filed I can make the statement that the source has been stopped and the matter resolved. We currently are rigged up on the well working to resolve the issue. Apache believes the variance/extension will provide equal protection of fresh water, groundwater, public safety ,and the environment. Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to discuss. Thanks and have a good day.

## BRUCE BAKER

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**From:** Baker, Larry

**Sent:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 9:57 AM

**To:** Bratcher, Michael, EMNRD <[mike.bratcher@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:mike.bratcher@emnrd.nm.gov)>

**Cc:** Bole, Barrett <[Barrett.Bole@apachecorp.com](mailto:Barrett.Bole@apachecorp.com)>

**Subject:** Release Notification

Mr. Bratcher,

Yesterday Afternoon Apache Corporation discovered a release due to a surface casing failure at the WA Weir B #006 (30-25-34024). The source was stopped and repaired with a clamp. Approximately 12 barrels of produced water was lost mostly contained to the lease pad. The release GPS is 32.6323128, -103.3234024 and is located in UL G Section 26 Township 19S Range 36E. Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to discuss. Thanks and have a good weekend.

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QUESTIONS

Action 292033

**QUESTIONS**

Operator: APACHE CORPORATION 303 Veterans Airpark Ln Midland, TX 79705	OGRID: 873
	Action Number: 292033
	Action Type: [C-141] Initial C-141 (C-141-v-Initial)

**QUESTIONS**

Prerequisites	
Incident ID (n#)	nAPP2334057478
Incident Name	NAPP2334057478 W A WEIR B #006 @ 30-025-34024
Incident Type	Produced Water Release
Incident Status	Initial C-141 Received
Incident Well	[30-025-34024] W A WEIR B #006

**Location of Release Source**

Please answer all the questions in this group.

Site Name	W A Weir B #006
Date Release Discovered	11/17/2023
Surface Owner	Private

**Incident Details**

Please answer all 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
Did this release result in any injuries	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: Other   Well   Produced Water   Released: 10 BBL   Recovered: 5 BBL   Lost: 5 BBL.
Is the concentration of 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)	Not answered.

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<b>Nature and Volume of Release (continued)</b>	
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 Subsection A of 19.15.29.7 NMAC	No
Reasons why this would be considered a submission for a notification of a major release	Unavailable.
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**

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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.

Per Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.29.8 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 Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC), please prepare and attach all information needed for closure evaluation in the follow-up C-141 submission.

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I hereby agree and sign off to the above statement	Name: Larry Baker Title: Sr Environmental Tech Email: larry.baker@apachecorp.com Date: 12/06/2023
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**QUESTIONS****Site Characterization**

Please answer all the questions in this group (only required when seeking remediation plan approval and beyond). This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.

What is the shallowest depth to groundwater beneath the area affected by the release in feet below ground surface (ft bgs)	Not answered.
What method was used to determine the depth to ground water	Not answered.
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water	Not answered.
<b>What is the minimum distance, between the closest lateral extents of the release and the following surface areas:</b>	
A continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse	Not answered.
Any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)	Not answered.
An occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church	Not answered.
A spring or a private domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes	Not answered.
Any other fresh water well or spring	Not answered.
Incorporated municipal boundaries or a defined municipal fresh water well field	Not answered.
A wetland	Not answered.
A subsurface mine	Not answered.
An (non-karst) unstable area	Not answered.
Categorize the risk of this well / site being in a karst geology	Not answered.
A 100-year floodplain	Not answered.
Did the release impact areas not on an exploration, development, production, or storage site	Not answered.

**Remediation Plan**

Please answer all the questions that apply or are indicated. This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.

Requesting a remediation plan approval with this submission	No
The OCD recognizes that proposed remediation measures may have to be minimally adjusted in accordance with the physical realities encountered during remediation. If the responsible party has any need to significantly deviate from the remediation plan proposed, then it should consult with the division to determine if another remediation plan submission is required.	

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
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