

Compressor went down on alarm causing gas from the inlet vessel to go to flare



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	Action Number: 318901
	Action Type: [C-141] Remediation Closure Request C-141 (C-141-v-Closure)

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Prerequisites	
Incident ID (n#)	nAPP2406031181
Incident Name	NAPP2406031181 NORTH HOBBS UNIT WIB @ 0
Incident Type	Flare
Incident Status	Remediation Closure Report Received
Incident Facility	[fAPP2126544726] NORTH HOBBS UNIT WIB

Location of Release Source	
Please answer all the questions in this group.	
Site Name	North Hobbs Unit WIB
Date Release Discovered	02/12/2024
Surface Owner	Private

Incident Details	
Please answer all the questions in this group.	
Incident Type	Flare
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	Not answered.
Is the concentration of chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l	No
Condensate Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Other Released Details	Cause: Equipment Failure Producing Well Carbon Dioxide Released: 86 MCF Recovered: 0 MCF Lost: 86 MCF.
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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Nature and Volume of Release (continued)	
Is this a gas only submission (i.e. only significant Mcf values reported)	Yes, according to supplied volumes this appears 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	<i>Unavailable.</i>
<i>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.</i>	

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	This was a gas release of CO2 only no liquid was spilled.

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.

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.

I hereby agree and sign off to the above statement	Name: Shaina Rojas Title: Specialist Environmental Email: Shaina_rojas@oxy.com Date: 02/29/2024
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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)	Between 100 and 500 (ft.)
What method was used to determine the depth to ground water	NM OSE iWaters Database Search
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water	No
What is the minimum distance, between the closest lateral extents of the release and the following surface areas:	
A continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
Any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)	Greater than 5 (mi.)
An occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church	Between 1000 (ft.) and ½ (mi.)
A spring or a private domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes	Zero feet, overlying, or within area
Any other fresh water well or spring	Between 1000 (ft.) and ½ (mi.)
Incorporated municipal boundaries or a defined municipal fresh water well field	Between 1000 (ft.) and ½ (mi.)
A wetland	Greater than 5 (mi.)
A subsurface mine	Greater than 5 (mi.)
An (non-karst) unstable area	Greater than 5 (mi.)
Categorize the risk of this well / site being in a karst geology	Low
A 100-year floodplain	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
Did the release impact areas not on an exploration, development, production, or storage site	No

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	Yes
Attach a comprehensive report demonstrating the lateral and vertical extents of soil contamination associated with the release have been determined, pursuant to 19.15.29.11 NMAC and 19.15.29.13 NMAC.	
Have the lateral and vertical extents of contamination been fully delineated	Yes
Was this release entirely contained within a lined containment area	No

Soil Contamination Sampling: (Provide the highest observable value for each, in milligrams per kilograms.)

Chloride	(EPA 300.0 or SM4500 Cl B)	0
TPH (GRO+DRO+MRO)	(EPA SW-846 Method 8015M)	0
GRO+DRO	(EPA SW-846 Method 8015M)	0
BTEX	(EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B)	0
Benzene	(EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B)	0

Per Subsection B of 19.15.29.11 NMAC unless the site characterization report includes completed efforts at remediation, the report must include a proposed remediation plan in accordance with 19.15.29.12 NMAC, which includes the anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation.

On what estimated date will the remediation commence	02/12/2024
On what date will (or did) the final sampling or liner inspection occur	02/12/2024
On what date will (or was) the remediation complete(d)	02/12/2024
What is the estimated surface area (in square feet) that will be reclaimed	0
What is the estimated volume (in cubic yards) that will be reclaimed	0
What is the estimated surface area (in square feet) that will be remediated	0
What is the estimated volume (in cubic yards) that will be remediated	0

These estimated dates and measurements are recognized to be the best guess or calculation at the time of submission and may (be) change(d) over time as more remediation efforts are completed.

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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QUESTIONS**Remediation Plan (continued)**

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.

This remediation will (or is expected to) utilize the following processes to remediate / reduce contaminants:

(Select all answers below that apply.)

(Ex Situ) Excavation and off-site disposal (i.e. dig and haul, hydrovac, etc.)	Not answered.
(Ex Situ) Excavation and on-site remediation (i.e. On-Site Land Farms)	Not answered.
(In Situ) Soil Vapor Extraction	Not answered.
(In Situ) Chemical processing (i.e. Soil Shredding, Potassium Permanganate, etc.)	Not answered.
(In Situ) Biological processing (i.e. Microbes / Fertilizer, etc.)	Not answered.
(In Situ) Physical processing (i.e. Soil Washing, Gypsum, Disking, etc.)	Not answered.
Ground Water Abatement pursuant to 19.15.30 NMAC	Not answered.
OTHER (Non-listed remedial process)	Yes
Other Non-listed Remedial Process. Please specify	This was a CO2 gas release only NO liquids were spilled.

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Deferral Requests Only	
Only answer the questions in this group if seeking a deferral upon approval this submission. Each of the following items must be confirmed as part of any request for deferral of remediation.	
Requesting a deferral of the remediation closure due date with the approval of this submission	No

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Sampling Event Information	
Last sampling notification (C-141N) recorded	318897
Sampling date pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection D of 19.15.29.12 NMAC	02/13/2024
What was the (estimated) number of samples that were to be gathered	0
What was the sampling surface area in square feet	0

Remediation Closure Request

Only answer the questions in this group if seeking remediation closure for this release because all remediation steps have been completed.

Requesting a remediation closure approval with this submission	Yes
Have the lateral and vertical extents of contamination been fully delineated	Yes
Was this release entirely contained within a lined containment area	No
All areas reasonably needed for production or subsequent drilling operations have been stabilized, returned to the sites existing grade, and have a soil cover that prevents ponding of water, minimizing dust and erosion	Yes
What was the total surface area (in square feet) remediated	0
What was the total volume (cubic yards) remediated	0
All areas not reasonably needed for production or subsequent drilling operations have been reclaimed to contain a minimum of four feet of non-waste contain earthen material with concentrations less than 600 mg/kg chlorides, 100 mg/kg TPH, 50 mg/kg BTEX, and 10 mg/kg Benzene	Yes
What was the total surface area (in square feet) reclaimed	0
What was the total volume (in cubic yards) reclaimed	0
Summarize any additional remediation activities not included by answers (above)	This was a CO2 gas release only NO liquids were spilled.

The responsible party must attach information demonstrating they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and any conditions or directives of the OCD. This demonstration should be in the form of a comprehensive report (in .pdf format) including a scaled site map, sampling diagrams, relevant field notes, photographs of any excavation prior to backfilling, laboratory data including chain of custody documents of final sampling, and a narrative of the remedial activities. Refer to 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

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Reclamation Report	
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Requesting a reclamation approval with this submission	No

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
scwells	CO2 release. Closure approved.	2/29/2024