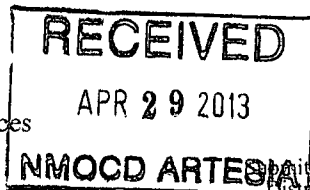


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Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC 229137	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	600 West Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	EMPIRE SOUTH DEEP UNIT #003	Facility Type	WELL PAD
Surface Owner	STATE	Mineral Owner	
		Lease No. (API#)	30-015-20685

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
N	31	17S	29E					EDDY

Latitude 32.78545 Longitude 104.11514

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Oil and produced water	Volume of Release	6bbls oil 30bbls produced water	Volume Recovered	5bbls oil 28bbls produced water
Source of Release	Packing leak in stuffing box	Date and Hour of Occurrence	04-14-2013	Date and Hour of Discovery	04-14-2013 3:00pm
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Mike Bratcher - NMOCD		
By Whom?	Michelle Mullins	Date and Hour	04-15-2013 12:27pm		
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.			

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

The packing failed in the stuffing box due to plugged back pressure valve. Cleaned out the back pressure valve and replaced packing.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

Initially 6bbls of oil and 30bbls of produced water were released due a packing leak on the stuffing box. We were able to recover 5bbls of oil and 28bbls of produced water with a vacuum truck. The spill was on location and the adjacent pasture. All free fluid has been recovered. Tetra Tech will sample the spill site area to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present a work plan to the NMOCD for approval prior to any significant remediation work.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD 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 NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD 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.

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Signature:		Approved by District Supervisor: Signed By	
Printed Name:	Robert Grubbs Jr.	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
Title:	Senior Environmental Coordinator	MAY 03 2013	
E-mail Address:	rgrubbs@concho.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date:	04-29-2013	Remediation per OCD Rule & Guidelines. SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL NO LATER THAN:	
Phone:	432-661-6601	June 3, 2013	

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

From: Robert Grubbs <RGrubbs@concho.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 3:32 PM
To: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD
Cc: Joshua Russo; Tavarez, Ike; tom.k.franklin@tetrattech.com
Subject: C-141 Initial Report - Empire South Deep Unit #003 Well Pad
Attachments: EMPIRE SOUTH DEEP UNIT #003 WELL PAD -- DATE OF RELEASE -- 04-14-2013.pdf

Mr. Bratcher,

Please see attached the C-141 Initial Report for a release that occurred on 04-14-2013 at our Empire South Deep Unit #003 Well Pad in Eddy County New Mexico. We plan to assess the spill area timely.

Thank you,

Robert Grubbs Jr.
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Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

From: Michelle Mullins <MMullins@concho.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 11:27 AM
To: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD
Cc: Joshua Russo; Robert Grubbs
Subject: Empire SDU #3-Immediate Notification

Mr. Bratcher:

On 04/14/2013 at approximately 3:00 pm, a produced fluid release was discovered at the above-referenced location. An estimated 36 bbls of produced fluid was released. The cause of the release is currently under investigation. We will follow up within 15 days with a C-141 Report.

GPS coordinates, legal description and driving directions are below.

N 32.78545 W 104.11514

Empire South Deep Unit #3
Sec. 31 T17S R29E
660' FSL & 1980' FWL
Eddy County, NM
API 30-015-20685

Off Highway 82, turn south between MM 123 and MM 124. Travel 1.7 miles. Road dead ends on location.

Michelle Mullins
HSE Field Technician
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