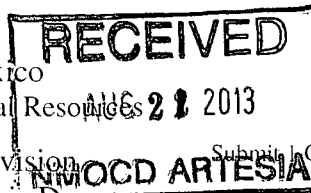


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Submit Copy to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: Frontier Field Services 281431		Contact: Gregg Wurtz
Address: 65 Mercado Street, Durango Colorado		Telephone No. 970 759-8984
Facility Name: Empire Abo Gas Plant		Facility Type: Natural Gas processing Plant
Surface Owner: Fee	Mineral Owner: BLM	API No. N/A

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
								Eddy

Latitude 32.7758 Longitude -104.2620

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Process water from boilers, cooling tower, and RO unit	Volume of Release: estimated ➤ 25 bbls	Volume Recovered: None
Source of Release Evaporation Pond	Date and Hour of Occurrence Unknown	Date and Hour of Discovery Aug 20, 2013 5:00 pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Gregg Wurtz 970 759-8984	
By Whom? Gregg Wurtz, Frontier Field Services	Date and Hour 8/21/2013 1646 (4:46pm)	
Was a Watercourse Reached? Yes X No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. None	
If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.* No water course impacted		

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.* The evaporation pond containment liner is potentially compromised in a location adjacent to the southwest corner of pond. Based on the above ground construction of the pond the exact location of the liner leak cannot be visualized and is unknown.

A plan is being developed to stop the process water from discharging into the pond. Water will be store in above ground storage tanks and transported off site for disposal at an OCD approved facility. Closure notification to the Divisions Environmental Bureau will be provided and a schedule for closure will be provided. A closure plan will also be submitted to OCD for approval in compliance with the applicable rules for closure of the evaporation pond.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

The evaporation pond was observed to have a minor water release on the southwest corner of pond. The water release appears to be very slow and moist soils surround the edge of evaporation pond containment and extent approximate 64 feet away from the pond perimeter (at its furthest point). Approximately 10 feet of the moist soil area extends beyond the facility fence boundary onto BLM lands. BLM will be notified. No standing water or water flow was observed in the area. The area of moist soils is an irregular shape approximately 590 sq. ft. A test excavation was performed and soil moisture was observed to a depth of approximately 29 inches adjacent to the evap. pond boundary. A water sample was collected of the water in the evaporation pond representing the water released and water quality data will be submitted with the final release report. No clean up action is planned at this time pending review of water analysis and further investigation.

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.

Signature:	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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Printed Name: Gregg Wurtz		Approved by Environmental Specialist: <u>Mike Brandon</u>	
Title: HSE Manager		Approval Date: SEP 05 2013	Signed By: _____
E-mail Address: gwurtz@akaenergy.com		Conditions of Approval:	Expiration Date:
Date: 8/21/2013 970 759-8984	Phone:		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

From: Wurtz, Gregg <gwurtz@akaenergy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 6:05 PM
To: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD
Subject: Release notification Empire Abo Gas Plant Frontier field Services 8_21_2013
Attachments: evap pond 8_21-2013.doc

Mike,

Attached is an Initial Release Report for a water release that was discovered 8/20/2013 at the Empire Abo Gas Plant. The release was process water from the evaporation pond estimated to be greater than 25 bbls. No water course was impacted and no standing water was observed. I also left a message on your telephone and will follow up with a call on 8/22/2013. Please contact me if you need further information at 970 759 8984. Thank you.

Gregg Wurtz
Corporate Environmental, Health, & Safety Manager
(970) 764-6655 (direct)
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