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1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

NM OIL CONSERVATION

ARTESIA DISTRICT

Form C-141

Revised August 8, 2011

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Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

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Release Notification and Corrective Action

NAB14210251119

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company Cimarex Energy	815099	Contact Christine Alderman
Address 600 N Marienfeld Ste 600 Midland TX		Telephone No. 432-853-7059
Facility Name Vermejo SWD #1		Facility Type Production

Surface Owner	Mineral Owner	API No. 30-015-40644
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
	15	17S	28E		900		2530	Eddy

Latitude 32.654322 Longitude -104.059509

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release - produced water and oil	Volume of Release 1100 bbls of PW and 250 bbls crude oil	Volume Recovered 0
Source of Release tank battery	Date and Hour of Occurrence 8/17/14	Date and Hour of Discovery 8/17/14
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Mike Bratcher	
By Whom? Christine Alderman	Date and Hour 8/17/14	
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.\*

Lightning struck tank battery and completely burned. Much of the loss of fluids was burned off

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Contacted local Environmental consulting agency to begin cleanup process.

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: Christine Alderman	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Christine Alderman	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Title: ESH Supervisor	Approval Date: 9/18/14	Expiration Date: NA
E-mail Address: calderman@cimarex.com	Conditions of Approval: Remediation per OCD Rule & Guidelines.	
Date: 8/15/14 Phone: 432-853-7059	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL NO  
LATER THAN: 10/11/14

22P-2501

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Christine Alderman <calderman@cimarex.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2014 2:07 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Gloria Garza  
**Subject:** Vermejo SWD

**Follow Up Flag:** FollowUp  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Mike,

Yesterday, 8/17, we had lightning strike our Vermejo SWD (30-015-40644). The facility burn completely, and they are estimating it was holding approximately 1300 bbls of produced water and 50 bbls of oil. The release did go out into the pasture and down a lease road. I have Talon (Artesia) going to location today to assess and they will sample once it has dried a little. They will develop a work plan and submit. I will get you the C-141 as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Christine Alderman**

***ESH Supervisor – Permian Basin***

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