

District I  
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

Form C-141  
Revised August 8, 2011

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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

Release Notification and Corrective Action

*NAB1523231936* OPERATOR ☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company Linn Operating Inc. <i>269324</i>	Contact E.L. Gonzales	
Address 2130 W Bender Blvd Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No. 575-738-1739	
Facility Name Skelly A Battery (closest well Skelly 213)	Facility Type Battery	
Surface Owner Federal	Mineral Owner	API No. closest well 30-015-29762

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter A	Section 22	Township 17S	Range 31E	Feet from the 40	North/South Line North	Feet from the 1220	East/West Line East	County Eddy
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Latitude 32.8272362 Longitude -103.8529129

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Oil	Volume of Release 2bbls	Volume Recovered 1.5 bbls
Source of Release Compressor	Date and Hour of Occurrence 08/14/2015	Date and Hour of Discovery 08/14/2015 10:00pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	
By Whom?	Date and Hour	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	

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ARTESIA DISTRICT  
AUG 17 2015

RECEIVED

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

Went out to check on lact unit when seeing it on tank logics that it was at 10' and it usually sales at 6 to 7 ft. when arriving at battery I seen that the gas compressor had oil spraying out of the head gasket leaving two- three bbls of oil on the ground which was picked by Lamina Trucking and cleaned up by diversified. I then went to the heater and seen that the heater had lost its pressure and that the heater was full of oil and it had ran over into the gas line into the compressor. I then proceeded to shut in the entire field till I had the matter handled. I found that I went on bad oil and the lact derived back to the water knock out the oil causing the heater to lose pressure and with not enough pressure the fluid entering the heater would not dump causing the heater to over flow with fluid. I dump a lot of my production into my produced water tank which I had water hauler skim tank to retrieve oil. After retrieving oil he then put back into my oil tanks. After finally getting my heater equalized I then turn all wells back on.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* Spill was 3'x15' ran north then started running west 4'x20' at Skelly A Gas Compressor.

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: <i>[Signature]</i>	Approved by Environmental Specialist: <i>[Signature]</i>	
Printed Name: E.L. Gonzales	Approval Date: <i>8/20/19</i>	Expiration Date: <i>N/A</i>
Title: Production Supervisor	Conditions of Approval:	
E-mail Address: elgonzales@linenergy.com	Remediation per O.C.D. Rules & Guidelines	
Date: 08/17/2015 Phone: 505-504-8002	SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL NO	

LATER THAN: *9/21/15*

2RP-3214

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

**Patterson, Heather, EMNRD**

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**From:** McCracken, Theresa <TMcCracken@linnenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 2:57 PM  
**To:** stucker@blm.gov; Patterson, Heather, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Moreno, Laura; Butters, Thomas; Gonzales, EL; Hickert, Aaron; Rivera, Albert; Michael Burton  
**Subject:** Linn- Skelly A Battery 8-14-15  
**Attachments:** Skelly A Battery 8-14-15.pdf; Skelly A 8-14-15 spill.jpg

All,

Please find attached the initial C-141 for the above referenced location.

Thank you,



*Theresa McCracken*

Field Administrator

**LINN Energy, LLC**

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Hobbs, NM 88240

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