

3R-1032

**Release Report/ General
Correspondence**

Western McKinley

Date: Jul-Sep 2015

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Form C-141
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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

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: Western Refining Pipeline, LLC.	Contact: Kelly Robinson
Address: 111 County Road 4990	Telephone No.: 505-632-4166
Facility Name: East Line at MP-33	Facility Type: N/A

Surface Owner: Tribal Allotted	Mineral Owner: NA	API No.: NA
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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
SWNW	15	15N	13W					

Latitude 35.53175 Longitude -108.21024

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Crude Oil	Volume of Release: 682 barrels	Volume Recovered: 0 liquid barrels
Source of Release: Line Strike by Navajo Nation DOT	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 6/30/2015 shortly before 1:20pm	Date and Hour of Discovery: WNR notified 6/30/2015 1:20pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? National Response Center NMOCD, Aztec District Office Bureau of Indian Affairs USEPA Region 6 USEPA Region 9 PHMSA BLM Farmington Office	
By Whom? Kelly Robinson and Dave Richards	Date and Hour: 6/30/2015 all notifications made within 4 hours of the incident.	
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.*

At 1:20pm on June 30th, 2015, Western Refining Pipeline Control Center received a call reporting a line strike on the East Line between Hoshpah and Gallup. Western Control Room Operators immediately initiated the East Line shutdown procedures. The line strike was reported to have occurred near pipeline MP 33, near Smith Lake in McKinley County, NM.

Cause of Release:

It was reported that Navajo Nation DOT was using a road grader to grade the roadway barrow ditch when the line strike occurred. The blade struck the Western pipeline, causing a release of crude oil from the active pipeline. The Navajo Nation DOT personnel reported the incident immediately to their respective supervisor, who in-turn contacted Western Refining.

Response Action:

Local Pipeline Operations personnel were notified in the field to report to the incident location. Operations closed upstream and downstream block valves, minimizing the volume released. Western immediately initiated the Pipeline Emergency Response Procedures, and the Emergency Response Teams mobilized to the scene. Western Emergency Responders worked with Local Law Enforcement personnel who reported to the scene. The area of the spill was contained within the barrow ditch along a local tribal unpaved roadway, and extended onto tribal allotted lands.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

Area Affected

The line strike resulted in the release of approximately 682 barrels (based on meter readings) of crude oil to ground surface. Crude oil traveled south along the borrow ditch approximately 400 feet before graveling west under the roadway via an established storm water culvert. The spread of the oil west followed the surface contour of the ground surface, extending approximately 500 feet west of the roadway. The width of the overland spread varied from 1 ft to approximately 100 feet. Crude oil did not impact any active water sources.

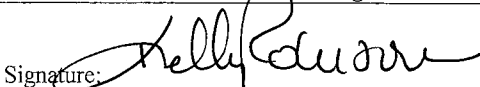
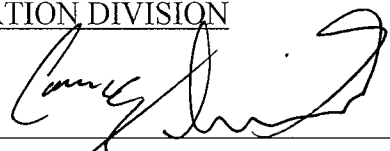

Cleanup Actions Taken

On July 1st, 2015, Western initiated the excavation of impacted soil along the borrow ditch. Western continues to coordinate with local BIA, EPA, PHMSA, and NMOCD agency representatives providing periodic up-dates on clean-up progress. Representatives from all agencies did visit the site within 48-hours of the incident occurring. Clean-up standards for this event have been established by NMOCD. The clean-up standards follow the NMOCD "Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases" dated August 13, 1993 with an established site ranking of 20 by NMOCD.

As of Monday, July 13th, 2015, approximately 2,800 cubic yards of crude impacted soil has been shipped off to the Envirotech Landfarm for treatment. Western is conducting field screening of the soils using a PID. Confirmation samples are being collected as excavation activities progress. Western has been coordinating and providing daily progress up-dates to NMOCD. Excavation activities are anticipated to continue for the next two weeks.

Western will submit a Final C-141 once clean-up activities are completed. The Final Report will include photos of the incident, a diagram showing the confirmation sample locations, and the final associated analytical reports.

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	
Printed Name: Kelly Robinson		Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Title: Environmental Manager		Approval Date: 8/3/15	Expiration Date: 
E-mail Address: Kelly.Robinson@eur.com		Conditions of Approval:	
Date: 7-14-15	Phone: 505-632-4166	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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