

# NM OIL CONSERVATION

ARTESIA DISTRICT

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1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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Form C-141  
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Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

## Release Notification and Corrective Action

NAB 1604030046

### OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

Name of Company Yates Petroleum Corporation	OGRID Number 25575	Contact Robert Asher
Address 104 S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	Telephone No. 575-748-1471	
Facility Name Buho BQH State #1H	Facility Type Battery	

Surface Owner State	Mineral Owner State	API No. 30-015-38223
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### LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter A	Section 35	Township 26S	Range 28E	Feet from the 480	North/South Line North	Feet from the 75	East/West Line East	County Eddy
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Latitude 32.00513 Longitude 104.04991

### NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Oil & Produced Water	Volume of Release 50 B/O & 150 B/PW	Volume Recovered 50 B/O & 150 B/PW
Source of Release Heater	Date and Hour of Occurrence 1/23/2016; PM	Date and Hour of Discovery 1/23/2016; PM
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 II	
By Whom? Robert Asher/Yates Petroleum Corporation	Date and Hour 1/23/2016; PM (Email) 5:57p - e-mail	
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.\*


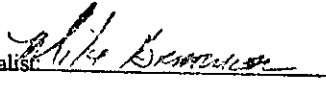
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

BS & W build up in water leg of heater, plugging water leg and forced water and oil into production tanks, causing them to overflow. Vacuum truck(s) were called and crew(s) were called to begin cleanup actions.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

An approximate area of 20' X 200' (inside the bermed/lined battery). Vacuum truck (s) recovered all of the oil and produced water and the gravel inside the berm is being treated with Micro Blaze. Depth to Ground Water: 50-99' (approximately 70', per Chevron/Texaco Trend Map), Wellhead Protection Area: No, Distance to Surface Water Body: >1000', SITE RANKING IS 10. Based on the battery being lined and not compromised and all released oil/produced water recovered, Yates Petroleum Corporation requests closure.

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: Robert Asher	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Title: NM Environmental Regulatory Supervisor	Approval Date: 2/9/16	Expiration Date: N/A
E-mail Address: boba@yatespetroleum.com	Conditions of Approval: FINAL	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: February 1, 2016	Phone: 575-748-4217	2RP-

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

2RP-3539

**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Bob Asher <BobA@yatespetroleum.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 7:29 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; NMSLO (Carlsbad/Ion Dolly); NMSLO (Hobbs/Amber Groves); NMSLO (Hobbs/Mathew Hagman); Naranjo, Mark M.; NMSLO (Santa Fe/Dana Vackar Strang)  
**Subject:** FW: Form C-141, Initial/Final Report (Buho BQH State #1H)  
**Attachments:** Buho BQH State 1H (C141 Initial Final 01232016).pdf

Thank you.

**Robert Asher**  
**Yates Petroleum Corporation**  
**NM Environmental Regulatory Supervisor**  
575-748-4217 (O)  
[boba@yatespetroleum.com](mailto:boba@yatespetroleum.com)

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**From:** Bob Asher  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2016 5:00 PM  
**To:** mike.bratcher@state.nm.us  
**Subject:** Form C-141, Initial/Final Report (Buho BQH State #1H)

Thank you.

**Robert Asher**  
**NM Environmental Regulatory Supervisor**  
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**Patterson, Heather, EMNRD**

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**From:** Bob Asher <BobA@yatespetroleum.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 23, 2016 5:57 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Patterson, Heather, EMNRD; Dade, Randy, EMNRD; NMSLO (Carlsbad/Ion Dolly); NMSLO (Hobbs/Amber Groves); NMSLO (Hobbs/Mathew Hagman); Naranjo, Mark M.; NMSLO (Santa Fe/Dana Vackar Strang)  
**Cc:** IncidentReportingNM; Amber Griffin; Chase Settle; Katie Parker; Veronica Alvarado  
**Subject:** Release Notification (Buho BQH State #1H)

**Yates Petroleum Corporation is reporting a release at the following location (1/23/2016, 12:40 PM).**

Buho BQH State #1H  
30-015-38223  
Section 35, T26S-R28E  
480 FNL & 75 FEL  
Eddy County, New Mexico

**Released: 200 B/O & B/ PW; Recovered: In progress.**

Cause of the release was from a malfunction with the dumps on the heater, causing the oil tanks to overrun. **All released oil and produced water was contained within the lined/bermed battery.** Vacuum truck(s) were called. A Form C-141 with complete information will be submitted.  
Thank you.

**Robert Asher**  
**NM Environmental Regulatory Supervisor**  
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