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Re: Russell Turner Water Station E-20-17s-31e Facility ID: fBES0515757399 Incident #: nMLB0526550287

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District II Office is in receipt of an Initial Report C-141 reporting a produced fluids release that occurred on 9/21/2005 at the above referenced facility.

Please submit a Corrective Action Work Plan to this office for correction/remediation of this release. Please use the "Guidelines For Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases" as your guide.

This document may be found on the NMOCD web site: www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd, under Publications/Environmental Handbook/Miscellaneous Guidelines/Spill Prevention Clean up.

The work plan presented to the NMOCD must include general site characteristics, site ranking score, soil remediation action levels, soil remediation methods, and planned analytical testing for TPH, B-TEX, Chlorides or any other CoCs as applicable.

A final Form C-141 is required for closure of the release incident and must include a report of remediation actions taken with final analytical results attached.

BLM approval required if applicable.

Please have the requested work plan in the Artesia office on or before October 20, 2005. The NMOCD District II Office must be notified 24 hours prior to any remediation actions and/or subsequent soil samples taken for analysis.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe. Such a hearing may result in imposition of **CIVIL PENALTIES** for your violation of NMOCD rules.

If I can be of assistance in this matter, my contact information is listed below.

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