

# NM OIL CONSERVATION

ARTESIA DISTRICT

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

SEP 16 2016

Form C-141  
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1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
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## Release Notification and Corrective Action

**NAB1626351435** **229137** **OPERATOR** ☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: COG Operating LLC	Contact: Robert McNeill
Address: 600 West Illinois Avenue, Midland TX 79701	Telephone No. 432-230-0077
Facility Name: COI EMPIRE SOUTH UNIT #015	Facility Type: Battery
Surface Owner: Private	Mineral Owner: Federal
API No. 30-015-22236	

## LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
E	08	18S	29E	1980	North	660	West	Eddy

Latitude 32.7637024 Longitude -104.103363

## NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Oil	Volume of Release: 90 bbls	Volume Recovered: 0 bbls
Source of Release: Lightning	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 8/29/2016 unknown	Date and Hour of Discovery: 8/29/2016 8:00 a.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Heather Patterson/NMOCD and Shelly Tucker/BLM	
By Whom? Dakota Neel	Date and Hour: 8/30/2016 12:48 p.m.	
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.\*


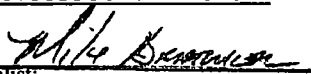
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

This release was caused when lightning struck the facility. The facility was a total loss.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

The release impacted both the location and the pasture immediately surrounding the facility. Oil released during the incident was burned and non-recoverable. Concho will have the spill site sampled to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present a remediation work plan to the NMOCD for approval prior to any significant remediation work.

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: 	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: Dakota Neel	Signed By  Approved by Environmental Specialist:	
Title: Environmental Coordinator	Approval Date: 9/19/16	Expiration Date: N/A
E-mail Address: dneel2@concho.com	Conditions of Approval: Remediation per O.C.D. Rules & Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date: September 16, 2016 Phone: 575-748-6933	<b>SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL NO</b>	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

LATER THAN: 10/20/16

2RP-3894

**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Dakota Neel <DNeel2@concho.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 1:45 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Shelly; Arthur Arias; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Patterson, Heather, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Robert McNeill  
**Subject:** (C-141 Initial) COI EMPIRE SOUTH UNIT #015 (30-015-22236)  
**Attachments:** (C-141 Initial) COI EMPIRE SOUTH UNIT #015 (30-15-22236).pdf

Mr. Bratcher/Mr. Arias,

Attached is a C-141 for your consideration. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

**Dakota Neel**  
Environmental Coordinator  
COG Operating LLC  
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**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Dakota Neel <DNeel2@concho.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 12:48 PM  
**To:** James\_Amos@blm.gov; stucker@blm.gov; Patterson, Heather, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Robert McNeill; Robert Grubbs  
**Subject:** (Notification) COI EMPIRE SOUTH UNIT #015 (30-015-22236)

Ms. Patterson/Ms. Tucker,

COG Operating LLC is reporting a release on the **COI EMPIRE SOUTH UNIT #015 (30-015-22236)**

Unit E Section 08 Township 18S Range 29E

The release occurred overnight on 8/29/2016.

Estimated Released: Approximately 90 bbls Oil

Estimated Recovered: Unknown due to fire

This release was caused when lightning struck the facility. The release impacted both the location and the pasture surrounding the facility. The damage was found during the morning route. The area is being evaluated and a C-141 will be submitted. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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