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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

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Copy to appropriate District Office in
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

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Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	Cimarex Energy	Contact	Christine Alderman
Address	600 N Marienfeld Ste 600 Midland TX	Telephone No.	432-853-7059
Facility Name	Oracle 21 Fed #4	Facility Type	Production

Surface Owner	BLM	Mineral Owner		API No.	30-015-38597
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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
C	21	25S	26E	400	N	1980	W	Eddy

Latitude 32.1216621 Longitude -104.2998352

NATURE OF RELEASE

*please see google earth
map attachment for spill +
pipeline location*

Type of Release	produced water	Volume of Release	20 bbls	Volume Recovered	0 bbls
Source of Release	Poly flowline	Date and Hour of Occurrence	4/11/2017	Date and Hour of Discovery	4/20/2017
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?			
By Whom?	Christine Alderman	Date and Hour	4/21/2017	e-mail 12:56pm	
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.*

It appears that BLM did a controlled burn on 4/11/2017 and approximately 600' of 4" poly pipe was impacted by the fire. It was noticed on 4/20/2017 when the pumper turned on the transfer pump and he saw water shoot up in the pasture north of the location. He immediately turned the pump off and went to investigate and discover the burnt piping.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

The pasture area north of the facility. An environmental consultant will be contacted and a work plan will be developed.

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: <i>Christine Alderman</i>		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Christine Alderman		Approved by Environmental Specialist: <i>Crystal Wee</i>	
Title: ESH Supervisor		Approval Date: 4/25/17	Expiration Date: N/A
E-mail Address: calderman@cimarex.com		Conditions of Approval: <i>see attached</i>	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date: Phone: 432-853-7059			

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

2RP- 4183

Operator/Responsible Party,

The OCD has received the form C-141 you provided on **4/21/17** regarding an unauthorized release. The information contained on that form has been entered into our incident database and remediation case number ARP-4183 has been assigned. **Please refer to this case number in all future correspondence.**

It is the Division's obligation under both the Oil & Gas Act and Water Quality Act to provide for the protection of public health and the environment. Our regulations (19.15.29.11 NMAC) state the following,

The responsible person shall complete division-approved corrective action for releases that endanger public health or the environment. The responsible person shall address releases in accordance with a remediation plan submitted to and approved by the division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with 19.15.30 NMAC. [emphasis added]

Release characterization is the first phase of corrective action unless the release is ongoing or is of limited volume and all impacts can be immediately addressed. Proper and cost-effective remediation typically cannot occur without adequate characterization of the impacts of any release. Furthermore, the Division has the ability to impose reasonable conditions upon the efforts it oversees. **As such, the Division is requiring a workplan for the characterization of impacts associated with this release be submitted to the OCD District II office in Artesia on or before 5/21/17. If and when the release characterization workplan is approved, there will be an associated deadline for submittal of the resultant investigation report. Modest extensions of time to these deadlines may be granted, but only with acceptable justification.**

The goals of a characterization effort are: 1) determination of the lateral and vertical extents along with the magnitude of soil contamination. 2) determine if groundwater or surface waters have been impacted. 3) If groundwater or surface waters have been impacted, what are the extents and magnitude of that impact. 4) The characterization of any other adverse impacts that may have occurred (examples: impacts on vegetation, impacts on wildlife, air quality, loss of use of property, etc.). To meet these goals as quickly as possible, the following items must, at a minimum, be addressed in the release characterization workplan and subsequent reporting:

- Horizontal delineation of soil impacts in each of the four cardinal compass directions. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C₆ thru C₃₆), and for chloride by Method 300. This is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants. Analyzed parameters should be modified based on the nature of the released substance(s). Soil sampling must be both within the impacted area and beyond.
- Vertical delineation of soil impacts. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C₆ thru C₃₆), and for chloride by Method 300. As above, this is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants and can be modified. Vertical characterization samples should be taken at depth intervals no greater than five feet apart. Lithologic description of encountered soils must also be provided. At least ten vertical feet of soils with contaminant concentrations at or below these values must be demonstrated as existing above the water table.
- Nominal detection limits for field and laboratory analyses must be provided.
- Composite sampling is not generally allowed.
- Field screening and assessment techniques are acceptable (headspace, titration, EC [include algorithm for validation purposes], EM, etc.), but the sampling and assay procedures must be clearly defined. Copies of field notes are highly desirable. A statistically significant set of split samples must be submitted for confirmatory laboratory analysis, including the laterally farthest and vertically deepest sets of soil samples. Make sure there are at least two soil samples submitted

for laboratory analysis from each borehole or test pit (highest observed contamination and deepest depth investigated). Copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

- Probable depth to shallowest protectable groundwater and lateral distance to nearest surface water. If there is an estimate of groundwater depth, the information used to arrive at that estimate must be provided. If there is a reasonable assumption that the depth to protectable water is 50 feet or less, the responsible party should anticipate the need for at least one groundwater monitoring well to be installed in the area of likely maximum contamination.

- If groundwater contamination is encountered, an additional investigation workplan may be required to determine the extents of that contamination. Groundwater and/or surface water samples, if any, must be analyzed by a competent laboratory for volatile organic hydrocarbons (typically Method 8260 full list), total dissolved solids, pH, major anions and cations including chloride and sulfate, dissolved iron, and dissolved manganese. The investigation workplan must provide the groundwater sampling method(s) and sample handling protocols. To the fullest extent possible, aqueous analyses must be undertaken using nominal method detection limits. As with the soil analyses, copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

- Accurately scaled and well-drafted site maps must be provided providing the location of borings, test pits, monitoring wells, potentially impacted areas, and significant surface features including roads and site infrastructure that might limit either the release characterization or remedial efforts. Field sketches may be included in subsequent reporting, but should not be considered stand-alone documentation of the site's layout. Digital photographic documentation of the location and fieldwork is recommended, especially if unusual circumstances are encountered.

Nothing herein should be interpreted to preclude emergency response actions or to imply immediate remediation by removal cannot proceed as warranted. Nonetheless, characterization of impacts and confirmation of the effectiveness of remedial efforts must still be provided to the OCD before any release incident will be closed.

Jim Griswold

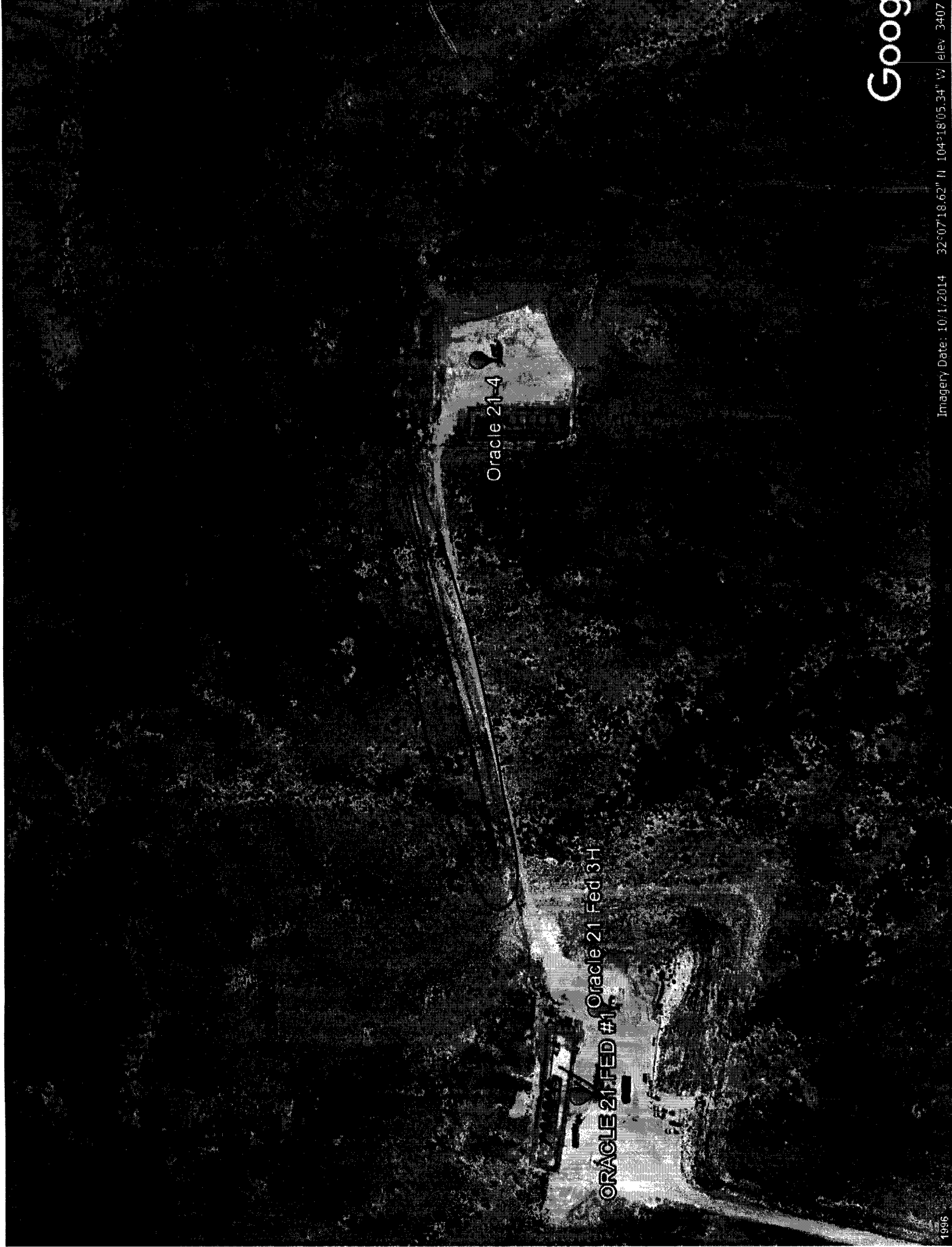
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Oracle 21-4

ORACLE 21-FED #1

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Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD

From: Christine Alderman <calderman@cimarex.com>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; stucker@blm.gov; Price, Henryetta; Amos, James A (jamos@blm.gov)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Oracle 21 Fed #4 (API 30-015-38597)
Attachments: GoogleEarth_Image.jpg

Crystal,

Sorry about that! I meant to send the map with it. The red line indicates the damaged line location.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Christine Alderman

Cimarex Energy Co.



ESH Supervisor – Permian Basin
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From: Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD [mailto:Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us]
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Christine Alderman <calderman@cimarex.com>; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD <mike.bratcher@state.nm.us>; stucker@blm.gov; Price, Henryetta <hprice@blm.gov>; Amos, James A (jamos@blm.gov) <jamos@blm.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Oracle 21 Fed #4 (API 30-015-38597)

Christine,

I have reviewed the initial C-141 that was submitted for this release and I must request that in this case could you, please instead of giving the coordinates for your facility location, please give the coordinates for the actual location of the spill. Unless the 600' of polyline is all on location then in that case I apologize for my lack of understanding.

Thank you kindly,

Crystal Weaver

Environmental Specialist
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From: Christine Alderman [<mailto:calderman@cimarex.com>]

Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 12:56 PM

To: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD <mike.bratcher@state.nm.us>; Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD <Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us>; stucker@blm.gov; Price, Henryetta <hprice@blm.gov>; Amos, James A (jamos@blm.gov) <jamos@blm.gov>

Subject: Oracle 21 Fed #4 (API 30-015-38597)

All,

On 4/20/2017 a release was discovered just to the north of this location. On 4/11/2017 BLM did a controlled burn in that area and approximately 600' of this 4" poly flow line was damaged. Approximately 20 bbls of produced water impacted the soils on the right of way. The pumper noticed the spill because he was turning the transfer pump on and saw water shooting up to the north. He immediately turned the pump off and investigated. He found the burnt piping.

I have attached the C-141. Please contact me if you have any questions. I have reached out to Jim Amos to see how we can proceed, and I will get an environmental consultant to assess.

Thank you,

Christine Alderman

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