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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report

☒ Final Report

Name of Company	Apache Corporation	Contact	Natalie Gladden
Address	P.O. Box 1849, Eunice NM 88231	Telephone No.	575-390-4186
Facility Name	Elliott B-17 Battery (Elliott B17 #2)	Facility Type	Production Facility

Surface Owner	Strain	Mineral Owner	BLM/NMOCD	Lease No.	30-025-24864
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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
A	17	22S	37E	330	North Line	330	East Line	Lea

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF RELEASE



Type of Release	Hydrocarbons	Volume of Release	73bbbls	Volume Recovered	50bbbls
Source of Release	Vandalism	2/16/09	unknown	2/16/09	740am
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Larry Johnson		
By Whom?	Natalie Gladden	Date and Hour	2/16/09 10:11		
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.			

Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

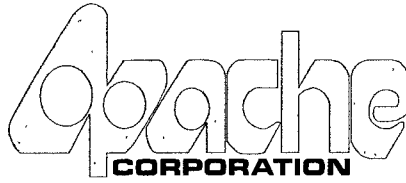
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\* Someone unknown shot holes both in our oil tanks and water tanks. The water tank levels were low enough that no produced water was released. All fluid was contained inside the bermed battery. Vacuum trucks were called out to recover fluid. And incident is under investigation with the Lea County Sheriff's Department.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*  
A Risked Base Closure is submitted with this final C141.

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: Natalie Gladden	Approved by District Supervisor: 	
Title: EH&S Environmental Tech	Approval Date: 4.28.10	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: natalie.gladden@apachecorp.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 2/16/09 3-11-10 Phone: 575-390-4186		IRP# 09.2.2009

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**Elliott B-17 Battery**  
**Nearest well (Elliott B17 #2)**

**Lea County**  
**Unit A, S17, T22S, R37E**  
**330' FNL and 330' FEL**  
**API# 30-025-24864**  
**IRP#09-2-2089**

**Release Date: 02/16/09**

**Prepared by: Natalie Gladden**  
**Apache Corporation**

Dear Larry,

Attached you will find a copy of the original C141, Final C141 and the Risk Based Closure (RBC) for the release on 02/16/09.

With this information that is provided, Apache Corporation respectfully requests your review and approval of the Closure Document for the oil releases that occurred at the Apache Elliott B17 Battery.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,

Natalie Gladden

EH&S Environmental Tech

Permian West and South Districts

The purpose of this report is to document the clean up activities and present supportin information to the NMOCD, requesting a Risk Base Closure of the referenced oil release incident in accourdance with the guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases.

On February 16<sup>th</sup> 2009, an unknown subject had shot holes both in our oil tanks and our water tanks. The water tank levels were low enough that no produced water was released. All fluid was contained inside the bermed battery. A total of 73bbls of oil was released and 50bbls of total fluid was recovered. The Lea County Sheriff's Department arrived at the scene to perform an investigation. Unfortunatly the suspect was never found.

All of the contamination was hand dug from inside this unlined battery to a total depth of 2' from surface. The contamination was hauled to Sundance Disposal and the battery was backfilled with caliche and pea gravel.

Based on the facts and the event of abandoning this facility in the future, Apache Corporation would like to respectfully request that the NMOCD grant a temporary closure of this facility until further notice of abandoning the battery.

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Printed Name: Natalie Gladden	Approved by District Supervisor <i>L. Johnson</i> ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER	
Title: EH&S Environmental Tech	Approval Date: 2.19.09	Expiration Date: 4.19.09
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