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Form C-141
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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 Hester 12 #9	Facility Type Producing Well

Surface Owner McCasland	Mineral Owner State	Lease No. 30-025-38791
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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
K	12	20S	30E	2440	FSL	2500	FWL	Lea

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Produced water and Hydrocarbons	Volume of Release unknown	Volume Recovered unknown
Source of Release Stuffing box leak	Date 10/31/08	Date 10/31/08
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	
By Whom?	Date and Hour	
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.*

Stuffing box leak was cause of leak. Emergency response took place from 11/05-11/07. 172 yards of contaminated soil was hauled to Sundance.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

Ground water is at 25'. All NMOCD regulations were followed to 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: Natalie Gladden	 Approved by District Supervisor ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER	
Title: EH&S Environmental Tech	Approval Date: 7.7.10	Expiration Date: —
E-mail Address: natalie.gladden@apachecorp.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 06/25/2010 Phone: 575-390-4186		11/22/2030

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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Unit Letter K	Section 12	Township 20S	Range 38E	Feet from the 2440	North/South Line FSL	Feet from the 2500	East/West Line FWL	County Lea
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Latitude _____ Longitude _____

WTR 25'

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WSW 100' EAST

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken *

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Signature: <i>Natalie Gladden</i>	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Natalie Gladden	<i>J. Johnson</i> Approved by District Supervisor ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER.	
Title EH&S Environmental Tech	Approval Date: 12.17.08	Expiration Date: 2.17.09
E-mail Address: natalie.gladden@apachecorp.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 12/15/08 Phone: 575-390-4186	- SUBMIT FINAL C. 141	IRP# 2030

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- SUBMIT SAMPLE PLAN FOR APPROVAL



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Hester 12 #9

Lea County

Unit K, Sec12, T20S, R38E

2440' FSL and 2500' FWL

API #30-025-38791

IRP# 10-31-2030

Release Date: 10/31/2008

Prepared by: Natalie Gladden

Apache Corporation

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Dear Larry,

Attached you will find a copy of the original C141, Final C141, a diagram of the contamination area along sample points with sample results, and final analytical taken from this site.

With this information that is provided, Apache Corporation respectfully requests your review and approval of the Closure Document for the produced water and hydrocarbon release that occurred at the Apache Hester 12 #9 well site.

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

Sincerely,



Natalie Gladden

EH&S Environmental Tech

Permian Basin Region

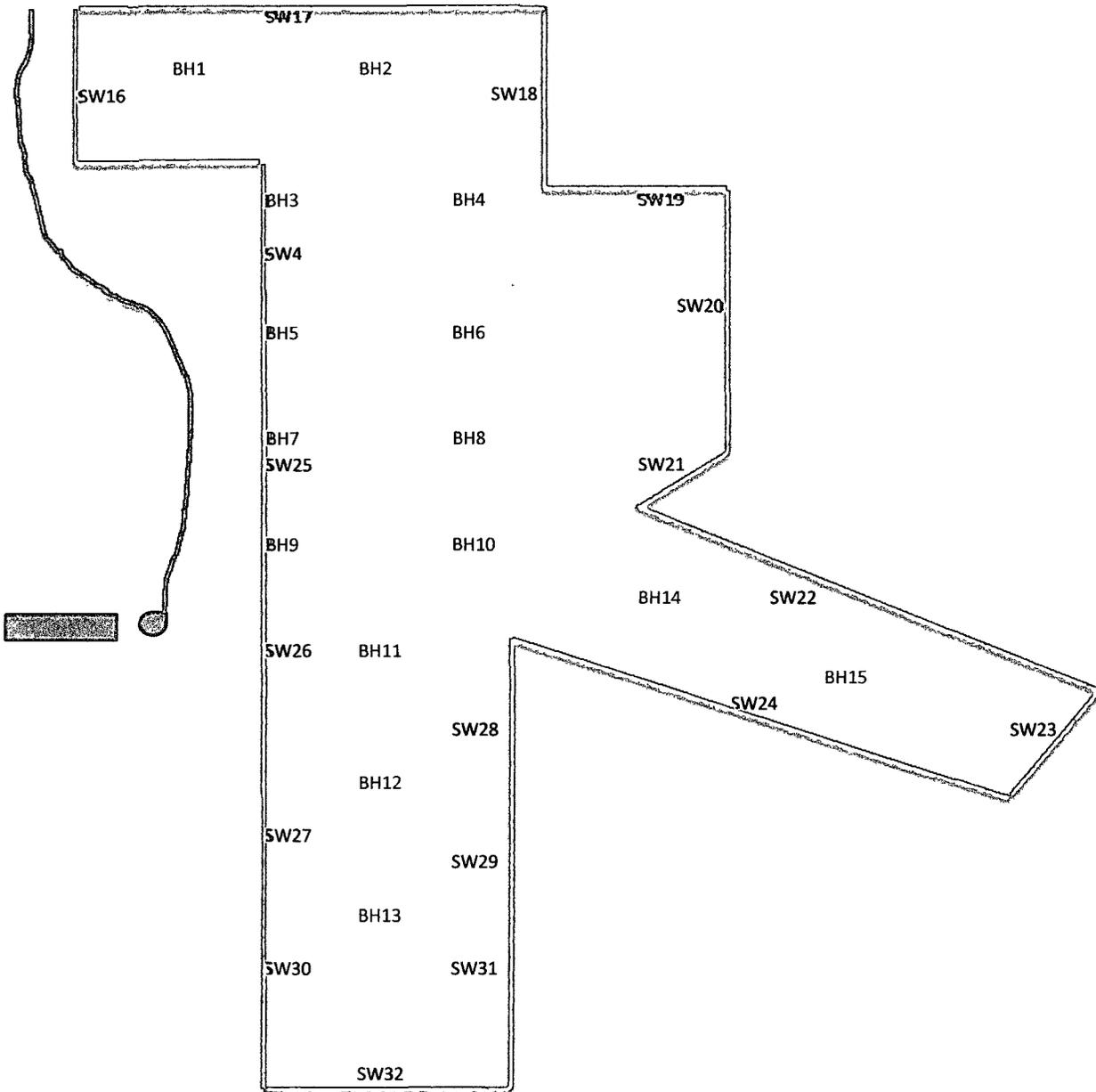
The purpose of this report is to document the clean up activities and present supporting analytical data to the NMOCD, requesting closure of the referenced produced water and hydrocarbon release incident in accordance with the Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases.

On October 31st 2008, the stuffing box leaked releasing an unknown volume. All fluid remained on the location pad; no fluid reached the pasture area.

The contaminated soil was excavated to a total depth of 15', a total of 1340' yards were hauled to Sundance Disposal and over 1000 yards was blended under the 250-ppm threshold. The soil around the wellhead was dug out by hand and approval from NMOCD was granted not to dig too deep in order to keep from compromising the wellhead. This well had not been producing long before the stuffing box leak, after excavating the saturated soil it was determined that the contamination we were finding was left by the drilling rig, thus enforcing the Drilling Department to line each location under the drilling rig.

Based on the analytical results of the confirmation soil samples collected from the excavation and which confirmed that the soil was less than the Standard. Consequently, no further action is recommended or planned for this site at this time and on behalf of Apache Corporation we respectfully request that the NMOCD grant closure for the Hester 12 #9 well site.

SAMPLE ID	CL
BH1	208
BH2	224
BH3	209
BH4	208
BH5	192
BH6	192
BH7	192
BH8	208
BH9	192
BH10	192
BH11	192
BH12	224
BH13	176
BH14	192
BH15	192
SW16	176
SW17	256
SW18	192
SW19	176
SW20	176
SW21	192
SW22	192
SW23	192
SW24	176
SW25	160
SW26	400
SW27	192
SW28	176
SW29	176
SW30	176
SW31	96
SW32	96
BLEND33	176
BLEND34	176
BLEND35	112
BLEND36	176
BLEND37	64





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**ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
OCOTILLO ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC
ATTN: JOHN GOOD
P.O. BOX 1816
HOBBS, NM 88241**

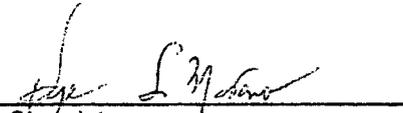
Receiving Date: 01/20/09
Reporting Date: 01/21/09
Project Owner: APACHE CORP.
Project Name: HESTER 12-9
Project Location: UL-G S12 T20S R38E

Analysis Date: 01/21/09
Sampling Date: 01/06/09
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: NF
Analyzed By: HM

LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	Cl ⁻ (mg/kg)
H16714-1	BH1	208
H16714-2	BH2	224
H16714-3	BH3	208
H16714-4	BH4	208
H16714-5	BH5	192
H16714-6	BH6	192
H16714-7	BH7	192
H16714-8	BH8	208
H16714-9	BH9	192
H16714-10	BH10	192
H16714-11	BH11	192
H16714-12	BH12	224
H16714-13	BH13	176
Quality Control		500
True Value QC		500
% Recovery		100
Relative Percent Difference		2.0

METHOD: Standard Methods	4500-ClB
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Note: Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts.


Chemist

01-21-09
Date

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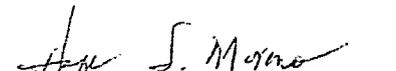
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Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: NF
Analyzed By: HM

LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	Cl ⁻ (mg/kg)
H16714-14	BH-14	192
H16714-15	BH-15	192
H16714-16	SW16	176
H16714-17	SW17	256
H16714-18	SW18	192
H16714-19	SW19	176
H16714-20	SW20	176
H16714-21	SW21	192
H16714-22	SW22	192
H16714-23	SW23	192
H16714-24	SW24	176
H16714-25	SW25	160
H16714-26	SW26	400
Quality Control		500
True Value QC		500
% Recovery		100
Relative Percent Difference		2.0

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