

19.15.3.116 RELEASE NOTIFICATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION:

A. Notification

(1) The division shall be notified of any unauthorized release occurring during the drilling, producing, storing, disposing, injecting, transporting, servicing or processing of crude oil, natural gases, produced water, condensate or oil field waste including Regulated NORM, or other oil field related chemicals, contaminants or mixture thereof, in the State of New Mexico in accordance with the requirements of Section 116 of 19.15.3 NMAC.

(2) The division shall be notified in accordance with Section 116 of 19.15.3 NMAC with respect to any release from any facility of oil or other water contaminant, in such quantity as may with reasonable probability be detrimental to water or cause an exceedance of the standards in Section 19, Subsection B, Paragraphs (1) and (2) or (3) of 19.15.1 NMAC.

B. Reporting Requirements. Notification of the above releases shall be made by the person operating or controlling either the release or the location of the release in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) A Major Release shall be reported by giving both immediate verbal notice and timely written notice pursuant to Subsection C, Paragraphs (1) and (2) of 19.15.3.116 NMAC. A Major Release is:

- (a) an unauthorized release of a volume, excluding natural gases, in excess of 25 barrels;
- (b) an unauthorized release of any volume which:
 - (i) results in a fire;
 - (ii) will reach a water course;
 - (iii) may with reasonable probability endanger public health; or
 - (iv) results in substantial damage to property or the environment;
- (c) an unauthorized release of natural gases in excess of 500 mcf; or
- (d) a release of any volume which may with reasonable probability be detrimental to water or cause an exceedance of the standards in Section 19, Subsection B, Paragraphs (1) and (2) or (3) of 19.15.1 NMAC.

(2) A Minor Release shall be reported by giving timely written notice pursuant to Subsection C, Paragraph (2) of 19.15.3.116 NMAC. A Minor Release is an unauthorized release of a volume, greater than 5 barrels but not more than 25 barrels; or greater than 50 mcf but less than 500 mcf of natural gases.

C. Contents Of Notification

(1) Immediate verbal notification required pursuant to Subsection B of 19.15.3.116 NMAC shall be reported within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery to the division district office for the area within which the release takes place. In addition, immediate verbal notification pursuant to Subsection B, Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (d) of 19.15.3.116 NMAC shall be reported to the division's Environmental Bureau Chief. This notification shall provide the information required on division Form C-141.

(2) Timely written notification is required to be reported pursuant to Subsection B of 19.15.3.116 NMAC within fifteen (15) days to the division district office for the area within which the release takes place by completing and filing division Form C-141. In addition, timely written notification required pursuant to Subsection B, Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (d) of 19.15.3.116 NMAC shall also be reported to the division's Environmental Bureau Chief within fifteen (15) days after the release is discovered. The written notification shall verify the prior verbal notification and provide any appropriate additions or corrections to the information contained in the prior verbal notification.

D. Corrective Action. The responsible person must complete division approved corrective action for releases which endanger public health or the environment. Releases will be addressed in accordance with a remediation plan submitted to and approved by the division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with Section 19 of 19.15.1 NMAC.

[1-1-50...5-22-73...2-1-96; A, 3-15-97; 19.15.3.116 NMAC - Rn, 19 NMAC 15.C.116, 11-15-01]