

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural  
Resources Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141  
Revised August 24, 2018  
Submit to appropriate OCD District office

Incident ID	NRM2013961658
District RP	
Facility ID	
Application ID	

## Release Notification

### Responsible Party

Responsible Party: Cimarex Energy Co.	OGRID: 215099
Contact Name: Laci Luig	Contact Telephone: 432.571.7800
Contact email: lluig@cimarex.com	Incident # (assigned by OCD)
Contact mailing address: 600 N Marienfeld Street, Ste. 600 Midland, TX 79701	

### Location of Release Source

Latitude 32.111598 \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude -103.600800 \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name: Vaca Draw 20-17 Federal Battery 5H-6H,43H-45H,71H-73H	Site Type: Battery
Date Release Discovered: 5/12/2020	API# (if applicable)

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
M	20	25S	33E	Lea

Surface Owner: ☐ State ☒ Federal ☐ Tribal ☐ Private (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

### Nature and Volume of Release

Material(s) Released (Select all that apply and attach calculations or specific justification for the volumes provided below)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls) 30 bbls	Volume Recovered (bbls) 29.5 bbls
<input type="checkbox"/> Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)

#### Cause of Release

We found that a ½ inch ball valve on the heater treater oil dump line was left cracked open allowing 30 barrels of crude oil to be released into a lined containment. We typically have plugs on all open ended valves for situations like this, but we failed to have this one plugged. We recovered 29.5 barrels of the crude oil from the lined containment. We checked all other vessels to make sure that plugs were in place and added the missing plug to this heater treater. The containment will be cleaned.

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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release? The amount of the release is over 25 barrels.
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)? By: Gloria Garza Emailed: EMNRD OCD District 1, BLM CFO Spill, Tammy Honea and Jim Griswold	

## Initial Response

*The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The source of the release has been stopped. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.	
If all the actions described above have <u>not</u> been undertaken, explain why:          	
Per 19.15.29.8 B. (4) NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please attach a narrative of actions to date. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a) NMAC), please attach all information needed for closure evaluation.	
I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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 OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD 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.	
Printed Name: Laci Luig _____	Title: Engineer Tech. _____
Signature: _____	Date: 5/15/2020 _____
email: llug@cimarex.com _____	Telephone: (432) 571-7810 _____
<b><u>OCD Only</u></b> Received by: <u>Ramona Marcus</u> Date: <u>5/18/2020</u>	