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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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NMOCD Artesia

Form C-141  
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Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

## Release Notification and Corrective Action

### OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

Name of Company Linn Operating	Contact	
Address 2130 W. Bender, Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No.	
Facility Name H.E. West B #51	Facility Type Oil Producer	
Surface Owner Federal	Mineral Owner	API No. 30-015-27110

### LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
G	10	17S	31E	1337	North	1363	West	Eddy

Latitude 32.8526523684112 Longitude -103.861754389473

### NATURE OF RELEASE

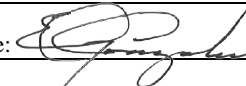
Type of Release Produced Water	Volume of Release 10 bbls	Volume Recovered 0
Source of Release Fiberglass pipeline	Date and Hour of Occurrence 07/23/2014	Date and Hour of Discovery 07/23/2014 3:00 pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Jeff Robertson – BLM/Mike Bratcher – NMOCD	
By Whom? Brian Wall	Date and Hour 07/24/2014 0750	
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.\*☐ Fiberglass line was exposed due to erosion caused by wind and rain. The line then failed due to the lack of structural support in the area exposed. The line was isolated and the leak stopped. No recovered fluid due to absorption in the sandy location.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*☐ The release affected 1,636 square feet of pasture land. RECS personnel were on site beginning on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to assess the release. Three points within the release were field sampled at the surface and with depth. Representative samples from the points were taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis. Based on the laboratory sampling data, a CAP was submitted to NMOCD and BLM on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. NMOCD and BLM approved the CAP that same day. Corrective actions began at the site on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The release area was excavated in three portions as stated in the approved CAP. The area around Point 1 was excavated to 3 ft bgs, the area around Point 2 was excavated to 2 ft bgs and the area around Point 3 was excavated to 5 ft bgs. Once the excavations were completed, grab samples from the outer walls and composite bottom samples of each excavation were taken to a commercial laboratory for analyses. The excavated soil was taken to the adjacent H.E. West B #51 lease pad for direct burial. The caliche was scraped from the lease pad and piled off to the side. A repository measuring 38 ft x 38 ft x 8 ft deep was excavated and lined in entirety with a 20-mil reinforced poly liner. The excavated soil from the release was placed in the lined repository, and the top of the repository was capped with a 20-mil reinforced poly liner. The top soil removed from the lease pad to create the repository was used to backfill the excavations at the release site and to contour the site to the surrounding area. A sample of the top soil removed from the lease pad was taken to a commercial laboratory and returned a chloride reading of 48 mg/kg. Approximately four feet of the repository top soil was placed over the capped repository, and the scraped caliche was backfilled over the top soil. 72 cubic yards of clean caliche was imported to the site to complete the backfill over the repository and to level the area to the surrounding area. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014, soil amendments were added to the disturbed area from the release and the disturbed area adjacent to the lease pad. The areas were then seeded with a 50/50 mix of BLM #2 and BLM #4.

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: 	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>		
Printed Name: E.L. Gonzales	Approved by Environmental Specialist:		
Title: Production Supervisor	Approval Date: 3/9/2015	Expiration Date: N/A	
E-mail Address: elgonzales@linnenrgy.com	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 02/25/2015 Phone: 505-504-8002	FINAL		

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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