## NM OIL CONSERVATION

ARTESIA DISTRICT

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District 1
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

Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

State of New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Revised April 3, 2017

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Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Form C-141

1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

Release Notification and Corrective Action **OPERATOR**  ✓ Initial Report Final Report Name of Company Agua Sucia LLC Louis G Edgett Contact Address PO Box 52 Telephone No. 575-631-3387 InjectionWell Facility Name ESU #15 East Shugart Ut.#15 Facility Type Mineral Owner Federal API No. 30-015-05687 Surface Owner Federal LOCATION OF RELEASE Feet from the | North/South Line Feet from the East/West Line County Unit Letter Township Range Section Chaves 7044 angitude - 103,858 NATURE OF RELEASE Volume of Release 400 bbls Volume Recovered 375 bbls Type of Release Produced Water Source of Release Busted plunger in the pump 9-4-2017 Morning If YES, To Whom? Was Immediate Notice Given? Shelly Tucker of the BLM was notified and called in to the OCD hotline. ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Required Date and Hour 9-4-2017 11:00 am By Whom? Louis G Edgett If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. Was a Watercourse Reached? ☐ Yes 🛛 No If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\* Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\* A valve busted on the injection line going to the ESU #15 Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* 375 bbls of water was picked up, 95% of the water was in the road way so it didn't soak in and was picked up. The contaminated soil will be picked up and disposed of. 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 OIL CONSERVATION DIVIS Signature: Approved by Environmental Specialist: Printed Name: Louis G Edgett Approval Date: Title: Field Operator E-mail Address: louis.edgett@yahoo.com Attached 9-4-2017 Phone: 575-631-3387

## Operator/Responsible Party,

The OCD has received the form C-141 you provided on 9/4/17 regarding an unauthorized release. The information contained on that form has been entered into our incident database and remediation case number has been assigned. Please refer to this case number in all future correspondence.

It is the Division's obligation under both the Oil & Gas Act and Water Quality Act to provide for the protection of public health and the environment. Our regulations (19.15.29.11 NMAC) state the following,

The responsible person shall complete <u>division-approved corrective action</u> for releases that endanger public health or the environment. The responsible person shall address releases in accordance with a remediation plan submitted to and approved by the division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with 19.15.30 NMAC. [emphasis added]

Release characterization is the first phase of corrective action unless the release is ongoing or is of limited volume and all impacts can be immediately addressed. Proper and cost-effective remediation typically cannot occur without adequate characterization of the impacts of any release. Furthermore, the Division has the ability to impose reasonable conditions upon the efforts it oversees. As such, the Division is requiring a workplan for the characterization of impacts associated with this release be submitted to the OCD District II office in Artesia on or before 10/4/17. If and when the release characterization workplan is approved, there will be an associated deadline for submittal of the resultant investigation report. Modest extensions of time to these deadlines may be granted, but only with acceptable justification.

The goals of a characterization effort are: 1) determination of the lateral and vertical extents along with the magnitude of soil contamination. 2) determine if groundwater or surface waters have been impacted. 3) If groundwater or surface waters have been impacted, what are the extents and magnitude of that impact. 4) The characterization of any other adverse impacts that may have occurred (examples: impacts on vegetation, impacts on wildlife, air quality, loss of use of property, etc.). To meet these goals as quickly as possible, the following items must, at a minimum, be addressed in the release characterization workplan and subsequent reporting:

- Horizontal delineation of soil impacts in each of the four cardinal compass directions. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C<sub>6</sub> thru C<sub>36</sub>), and for chloride by Method 300. This is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants. Analyzed parameters should be modified based on the nature of the released substance(s). Soil sampling must be both within the impacted area and beyond.
- Vertical delineation of soil impacts. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C<sub>6</sub> thru C<sub>36</sub>), and for chloride by Method 300. As above, this is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants and can be modified. Vertical characterization samples should be taken at depth intervals no greater than five feet apart. Lithologic description of encountered soils must also be provided. At least ten vertical feet of soils with contaminant concentrations at or below these values must be demonstrated as existing above the water table.
- Nominal detection limits for field and laboratory analyses must be provided.
- Composite sampling is not generally allowed.
- Field screening and assessment techniques are acceptable (headspace, titration, EC [include algorithm for validation purposes], EM, etc.), but the sampling and assay procedures must be clearly defined. Copies of field notes are highly desirable. A statistically significant set of split samples must be submitted for confirmatory laboratory analysis, including the laterally farthest and vertically deepest sets of soil samples. Make sure there are at least two soil samples submitted