

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	NRM2023851251
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## Release Notification

### Responsible Party

Responsible Party: WPX Energy Permian, LLC.	OGRID: 246289
Contact Name: Lynda Laumbach	Contact Telephone: (575) 725-1647
Contact email: Lynda.Laumbach@wpxenergy.com	Incident # (assigned by OCD)
Contact mailing address: 5315 Buena Vista Drive, Carlsbad, NM 88220	

### Location of Release Source

Latitude 32.0217028 Longitude -103.973166  
(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name: East Pecos 22 Federal #005H TB	Site Type: Production Facility
Date Release Discovered: 08/11/2020	API# (if applicable): 30-015-42270

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
N	22	26S	29E	Eddy

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 type="checkbox"/> Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls): 35	Volume Recovered (bbls): 35
	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:**

At 1000 hours, 3" Ball valve failed at the threads on load out line causing 35bbl of PW to be released into the lined secondary containment. All fluids were recovered using a vacuum truck.

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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? Release was greater than 25bbl of fluid.
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If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)? Notification was sent via email on August 11, 2020 at 2224 hours to Mike Bratcher, Victoria Venegas, Robert Hamlet, 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*

- The source of the release has been stopped.
- The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment.
- Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices.
- All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.

If all the actions described above have not 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: Lynda Laumbach Title: Environmental Specialist  
 Signature:  Date: 08/24/2020  
 email: Lynda.Laumbach@wpenergy.com Telephone: (575)725-1647

**OCD Only**  
 Received by: Ramona Marcus Date: 8/25/2020

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## Site Assessment/Characterization

*This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.*

What is the shallowest depth to groundwater beneath the area affected by the release?	> <u>50</u> (ft bgs)
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a private domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of a wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release overlying a subsurface mine?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release overlying an unstable area such as karst geology?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within a 100-year floodplain?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Did the release impact areas <b>not</b> on an exploration, development, production, or storage site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Attach a comprehensive report (electronic submittals in .pdf format are preferred) demonstrating the lateral and vertical extents of soil contamination associated with the release have been determined. Refer to 19.15.29.11 NMAC for specifics.

**Characterization Report Checklist:** *Each of the following items must be included in the report.*

- Scaled site map showing impacted area, surface features, subsurface features, delineation points, and monitoring wells.
- Field data
- Data table of soil contaminant concentration data
- Depth to water determination
- Determination of water sources and significant watercourses within ½-mile of the lateral extents of the release
- Boring or excavation logs
- Photographs including date and GIS information
- Topographic/Aerial maps
- Laboratory data including chain of custody

If the site characterization report does not include completed efforts at remediation of the release, the report must include a proposed remediation plan. That plan must include the estimated volume of material to be remediated, the proposed remediation technique, proposed sampling plan and methods, anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation. The closure criteria for a release are contained in Table 1 of 19.15.29.12 NMAC, however, use of the table is modified by site- and release-specific parameters.

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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: Lynda Laumbach Title: Environmental Specialist  
Signature:  Date: 09/21/2020  
email: Lynda.Laumbach@wpenergy.com Telephone: (575)725-1647

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Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Closure

The responsible party must attach information demonstrating they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and any conditions or directives of the OCD. This demonstration should be in the form of a comprehensive report (electronic submittals in .pdf format are preferred) including a scaled site map, sampling diagrams, relevant field notes, photographs of any excavation prior to backfilling, laboratory data including chain of custody documents of final sampling, and a narrative of the remedial activities. Refer to 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Each of the following items must be included in the closure report.*

- A scaled site and sampling diagram as described in 19.15.29.11 NMAC
- Photographs of the remediated site prior to backfill or photos of the liner integrity if applicable (Note: appropriate OCD District office must be notified 2 days prior to liner inspection)
- Laboratory analyses of final sampling (Note: appropriate ODC District office must be notified 2 days prior to final sampling)
- Description of remediation activities

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. The responsible party acknowledges they must substantially restore, reclaim, and re-vegetate the impacted surface area to the conditions that existed prior to the release or their final land use in accordance with 19.15.29.13 NMAC including notification to the OCD when reclamation and re-vegetation are complete.

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 Signature:  Date: 09/21/2020  
 email: Lynda.Laumbach@wpenergy.com Telephone: (575)725-1647

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Received by: Victoria Venegas Date: 09/21/2020

Closure approval by the OCD does not relieve the responsible party of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that poses a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health, or the environment nor does not relieve the responsible party of compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Closure Approved by:  Date: 10/06/2020  
 Printed Name: Victoria Venegas Title: Engineering Tech. III



September 21, 2020  
Mike Bratcher  
NMOCD District 2  
811 South First Street  
Artesia, NM 88210

Re: East Pecos 22 Federal #005 Release Closure Request (NRM2023851251)

Mr. Bratcher,

The attached report summarizes the liner inspection activities at the East Pecos 22 Federal #005 tank battery pad. WPX requests no further action be taken until the reclamation of the Pad. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynda Laumbach".

Lynda Laumbach  
Environmental Specialist

CC: Robert Hamlet, NMOCD  
Victoria Venegas, NMOCD

Attachments:  
Attachment 01 Site Characterization & Closure Report



LT Environmental, Inc.

3300 North "A" Street  
Building 1, Unit 222  
Midland, Texas 79705  
432.704.5178

September 14, 2020

Ms. Lynda Laumbach  
Environmental Specialist  
WPX Energy Permian, LLC  
5315 Buena Vista Drive  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

**RE: Containment Liner Inspection  
East Pecos 22 Federal #005H TB  
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Laumbach:

LT Environmental, Inc. (LTE) is pleased to present the following letter report to WPX Energy Permian, LLC (WPX) summarizing the response efforts and liner inspection associated with a produced water release at the East Pecos 22 Federal #005H TB well pad (Site). On August 11, 2020, a 3-inch ball valve failed on a loadout line causing the release of approximately 35 bbls of produced water in the lined steel containment at the Site. All fluids were contained within the lined containment, recovered immediately, and returned to the production tanks on site. WPX reported the release to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) on a Release Notification and Corrective Action Form C-141 on August 24, 2020, and was subsequently assigned Incident Number NRM2023851251.

On September 10, 2020, LTE personnel competent in the inspection of on-site equipment and facilities visited the Site to visually inspect the liner. LTE verified that there was no visual evidence of a breach in the liner. Photographs taken during the liner inspection are included as an attachment.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ashley Ager at (970) 385-1096 or [aager@ltenv.com](mailto:aager@ltenv.com).

Sincerely,  
LT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joseph S. Hernandez'.

Joseph S. Hernandez  
Project Geologist

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ashley L. Ager'.

Ashley L. Ager, M.S., P.G.  
Senior Geologist

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Photographic Log

ATTACHMENT 1: PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG



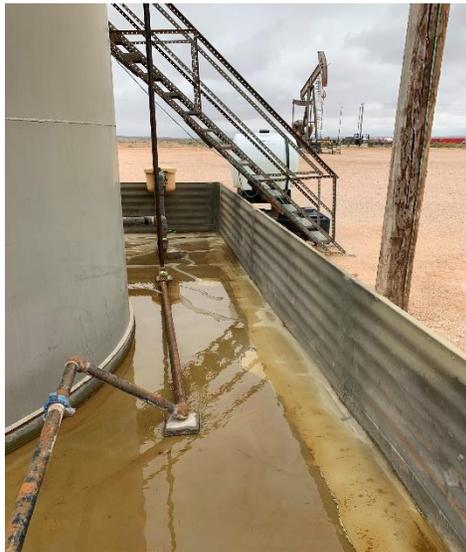
PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG



**Photograph 1:** Southern front portion of liner facing east.



**Photograph 2:** Northern back portion of liner facing west.



**Photograph 3:** Eastern portion of liner (near load out) facing south.



**Photograph 4:** Western side portion of liner facing northeast.