



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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August 17, 2004

Merit Energy Co.
PO Box 69
Loco Hills NM 88255

Reference: Grayburg Jackson West A Battery B-4-17s-31e API: 30-015-28467

Operator,

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, District 2 office, is in receipt of initial Form C-141 submitted by your company regarding a release of 50-70 bbls of oil and water on 8/7/2004 at the above referenced location. Please submit a Corrective Action work plan for remediation of this release using the "Guidelines For Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases" as your guide.

A copy of these Guidelines can be found on the OCD website: www.emnrd.state.nm.us/oed. The document is located on the web page under Publications/Environmental Handbook/Miscellaneous Guidelines/Spill Prevention Clean-up.

The work plan submitted to OCD must include general site characteristics, soil remediation action levels, soil remediation methods and planned analytical, which will require testing for TPH, B-Tex and chlorides.

A Final C-141 form is required for closure of remediation project and must include a report of remediation actions taken with analytical results attached.

Please have the requested work plan in the Artesia District Office on or before September 17, 2004.

Please notify Artesia OCD Office 24 hours prior to any remediation actions or sampling events.

In the event a satisfactory response is not received to this letter, further enforcement actions may be taken.

If I can be of assistance in this matter please contact me at 505-748-1283 Ext 108
Or Email at mbratcher@state.nm.us

Thank you,

Mike Bratcher
Compliance Officer NMOCD

District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, 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
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate
District Office in accordance
with Rule 116 on back
side of form

30-015-28467

Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	MERIT ENERGY CO.	Contact	CHRIS FLORES / GREG LEARY
Address	P.O. BOX 69 LOCO HILLS, NM 88254	Telephone No.	420-5506 / 420-5497
Facility Name	WEST A. / GRAYBURY JACKSON	Facility Type	BATTERY
Surface Owner	BLM	Mineral Owner	BLM
		Lease No.	LC-029426-A

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
B	4	17S	31E	1345	NORTH	1194	EAST	EDDY

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	OIL AND WATER	Volume of Release	50-70 Bbls	Volume Recovered	30 Bbls
Source of Release	FLOW LINE	Date and Hour of Occurrence	8/7	Date and Hour of Discovery	8/7
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	IF YES, To Whom?	O.C.D. AND B.L.M.		
By Whom?	CHRIS FLORES	Date and Hour	8/7 10:00 am.		
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.* N/A

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

LEAK IN FLOW-LINE / ISOLATE AND REPAIR

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

INSIDE FIREWALL AND 50 FEET SW OF BATTERY

FOLLOW-UP W/ REMEDIAL PLAN

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:	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION		
Printed Name: GREG LEARY	Approved by District Supervisor:		
Title: LEASE OPERATOR	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:	
E-mail Address:	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 8/7/04	Phone: 420-5506 / 420-5497		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Faxed to BLM
Workplan Request letter sent