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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	NMAP1827464486
District RP	2RP-4988
Facility ID	N/A
Application ID	pMAP1827464062

## Release Notification

### Responsible Party

Responsible Party: Rockcliff Operating New Mexico LLC	OGRID: 371115
Contact Name: John Turner	Contact Telephone: (903) 475-1865
Contact email: jturner@rockcliffenergy.com	Incident # (assigned by OCD) NMAP1827464486
Contact mailing address: 1301 McKinney St., Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77010	

### Location of Release Source

Latitude 32.30312

Longitude -104.046208

(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name: South Culebra Bluff Unit No. 5-B	Site Type: Oil & Gas Production CTB
Date Release Discovered: 9/16/18	API# (if applicable): 30-015-22922

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
L	13	23S	28E	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): unknown	Volume Recovered (bbls): 0 bbls
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	<input checked="" 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: The 4" polyline that transfers water from the SCB 5-B CTB and the Amoco Federal CTB to the Candelario SWD 24 #1 failed due to overpressure caused by a saltwater transfer pump being turned on at the Amoco Federal CTB when the inlet valve at the Candelario SWD 24 #1 was closed. The valve was closed due to the Candelario SWD 24 #1 undergoing a rebuild. The facility and pump have been down for several weeks. Unknown at this time who turned the pump on at the Amoco Federal CTB. The transfer pump is locked out to prevent it from being turned on now. The initial volume estimate when notification was made was 40 bbls of produced water based on visual observation, the actual volume is unknown.

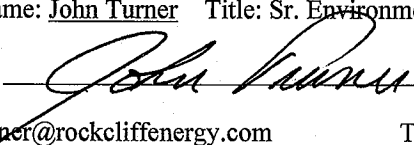

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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release? An unauthorized release greater than 25 bbls.
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)? Yes, by John Turner, to Mike Bratcher and Maria Pruett with NMOCD District II and Shelly Tucker with BLM via email on 9/16/18.	

### 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 type="checkbox"/> Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices. <input 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: The release flowed down into a depression area and soaked into the ground. There was not enough standing fluid to pick up with a vacuum truck at time of discovery. There was a previous spill here on 4/27/18 and this release followed the same flow path into an archaeological area therefore no soil was disturbed at the time of the response. Site Characterization needs to be done on this site within 90 days therefore archaeological clearance will need to be granted as soon as possible.
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: <u>John Turner</u> Title: <u>Sr. Environmental Specialist</u> Signature: <u></u> Date: <u>9-27-18</u> email: <u>jturner@rockcliffenergy.com</u> Telephone: <u>(903) 475-1865</u>
<b><u>OCD Only</u></b> Received by: <u></u> Date: <u>10/01/18</u>