



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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MIDLAND TX 79707

January 30, 2006

## **FINAL C-141 DENIAL – RUSSELL 35 FEDERAL NO. 3**

Dear Operator:

The Form C-141 (Notice of Release and Corrective Actions) Final Report submitted to the OCD District 2 Office on January 13, 2006 is being returned marked as "Denied".

The well location was reinspected on January 26, 2006, and found to still be contaminated. There were wet soils found where oil pooling areas were noted during the January 3, 2006, inspection and heavy hydrocarbon smells remained in the surface soils indicating soil remediation is still required.

To close this remediation, sampling must be conducted to verify the contamination is below the remediation action levels required for this location. Since no work plan and site ranking has been received as required by the OCD Letter of January 3, 2006, the remediation action levels for this location are assumed to be 10 ppm Benzene, 50 ppm BTEX and 100 ppm TPH. Chloride levels must be determined through background samples and remediated to locally occurring chloride concentrations. If site ranking has been conducted and higher action levels are appropriate, please notify this office.

Notify the OCD District 2 Office a minimum of 24 hours prior to final sampling. ALL final delineation samples results must be submitted to the OCD whether or not the OCD actually witnesses those samples being taken.

Once final sampling has occurred and contaminant concentrations are below the contaminant specific remediation action levels, a Final C-141 should be resubmitted to this office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Art B. ...".

Artesia OCD District Office

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

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

**OPERATOR**

☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

|                 |                                  |               |              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Name of Company | Pete Mills                       | Contact       | Pete Mills   |
| Address         | 4901 Teakwood, Midland, TX 79707 | Telephone No. | 432-689-0923 |
| Facility Name   | Russell 35 Federal #3            | Facility Type | Oil Well     |

|               |         |               |  |           |        |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--|-----------|--------|
| Surface Owner | Federal | Mineral Owner |  | Lease No. | 007957 |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--|-----------|--------|

**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

|             |         |          |       |               |                  |               |                |        |
|-------------|---------|----------|-------|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------|
| Unit Letter | Section | Township | Range | Feet from the | North/South Line | Feet from the | East/West Line | County |
| B           | 35      | 26S      | 31E   | 433           | North            | 1980          | East           | Eddy   |

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

|                             |   |   |             |                            |        |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Type of Release             | Produced oil  | Volume of Release                         | 2 bbls      | Volume Recovered           | 0 bbls |
| Source of Release           | pumpjack failed   | Date and Hour of Occurrence               |             | Date and Hour of Discovery |        |
| Was Immediate Notice Given? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required | If YES, To Whom?                          |             |                            |        |
| By Whom?                    |   | Date and Hour                             | RECEIVED    |                            |        |
| Was a Watercourse Reached?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                       | If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. | JAN 18 2006 |                            |        |

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

OIL-ARTESIA

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\* Pumper estimates the pumpjack failed on December 28, 2005. He discovered the spill on the same day. Cause of problem - pumpjack failed. Replaced pumpjack

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* Pumper found about 30' area of spilled produced oil. Cleanup crew used backhoe to break up and cover with new soil.

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: <i>Pete Mills</i> | <b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b> |                                   |
| Printed Name: Pete Mills     | Approved by District Supervisor: |                                   |
| Title: Operator              | Approval Date:                   | Expiration Date:                  |
| E-mail Address:              | Conditions of Approval:          | Attached <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Date: 1/13/06                | Phone: 432-689-0923              |                                   |

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary