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August 27, 2004

Strata Production Co.
PO Box 1030
Roswell NM 88201

Reference: Forty Niner Ridge Ut. #1 J-16-23s-30e API: 30-015-20899

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 200 bbls of produced water and 10-15 bbls oil 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 (Depth to Ground Water, Wellhead Protection Area, and Distance to nearest Surface Water Body), 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 final analytical results attached.

Please have the requested work plan in the Artesia District Office on or before September 27, 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

Cell: 505-626-0857

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

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Form C-141
Revised October 10, 2003

AUG 11 2004 Submit 2 Copies to appropriate District Office in accordance with Rule 116 on back side of form

30-015-20899

Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	Strata Production Co.	Contact	Kelly M. Britt
Address	P. O. Box 1030, Roswell, NM	Telephone No.	505-622-1127 ext. 15
Facility Name	Forty Niner Ridge Unit #1	Facility Type	SWD

Surface Owner	State	Mineral Owner		Lease No.	E-5229
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
J	16	23S	30E	1980'	South	1930'	East	Eddy County

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

NATURE OF RELEASE 10/15 bbls oil & 200 bbls water

Type of Release	Thunder Storm	Volume of Release	10/15 bbls oil & 200 bbls water	Volume Recovered	None
Source of Release	Lighting Strike	Date and Hour of Occurrence	8/7/04 @ 9:00 p.m.	Date and Hour of Discovery	N/A
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Mr. Van Barton, OCD, Artesia, NM		
By Whom?	Kelly M. Britt	Date and Hour	8/9/04		
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	N/A		

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*

N/A

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

The FNRU #1 was struck by lightning on 8/7/04 at 9:00 p.m. The fire was contained to the location. One (1) 500 bbl fiberglass tank was burned, a 500 bbl steel tank blew-up, and one (1) 500 bbl steel tank's top was blown off. Burned catwalk, landing, stairs, load lines & valves & fittings.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

Loving & Otis fire departments responded. The fire was contained to the location. On 8/10/04 Roadrunner Environmental Co. out of Carlsbad, NM is tearing down the battery and cleaning the location.

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>Kelly M. Britt</i>		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Kelly M. Britt		Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title: Production Records	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:	
E-mail Address: kellymarieb@yahoo.com	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 08/10/04	Phone: 622-1127 x 15		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

- Faxed to BCM
- work plan Request letter
- Imaged