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Reference: Saladar Unit 005    K-33-20s-28e    API: 30-015-02444  
Reference: Saladar Unit 013    N-33-20s-28e    API: 30-015-24180

Operator,

An inspection was made on the above reference wells on 4/12/2005 after receipt of a Form C-141 Release Notification and a remediation workplan submitted to the NMOCD District 2 office by your agent, Buddy DeLong.

The released fluid volumes reported on the C-141 indicate this release is classified as a major release and under NMOCD Rules and Regulations required immediate notice.

The Saladar Unit 005 well has an outstanding Idle Well violation open it. No information has been located indicating well is back in compliance with this violation. The pumping unit was dismantled at time of this inspection. This well site has had numerous releases in several different areas. A fiberglass tank on location was leaking at time of inspection.

The Saladar Unit 013 has an open violation for release of produced fluids dated 11/1/2004. A remediation work plan was requested at that time and to my knowledge, nothing was submitted and no actions were taken to bring well into compliance.

At this time the NMOCD is requesting a status or intent report for all of the wells in the Saladar Unit. An acceptable work plan is to be formulated and submitted to this office for review. Wells that are not producing or injecting and that are in violation of Rule 201 must be brought into compliance. A remediation work plan is to be formulated and submitted to this office for review. The work plan is to be based on the publication "Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases". This publication may be found on the NMOCD website [www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd). It is listed under Publications/Environmental Handbook/Miscellaneous Guidelines/Spill Prevention Clean up. The site must be ranked using the criteria listed in the publication. This will include depth to groundwater, distance to the nearest water well, and distance to the nearest surface water body. Groundwater information may be obtained from the State Engineer's Office or from ranchers or residents in the area.

The site then must be delineated for contaminants both vertically and horizontally and for type of contaminants present. This work plan is to be submitted to the District 2 Office no later than April 29, 2005. Remediation work is to commence immediately upon OCD approval and like approval from the BLM.

The NMOCD District 2 Office must be notified 24 hours prior to any remediation work being performed and 24 hours prior to obtaining any samples where analysis of such samples are to be submitted to the OCD.

If I can be of assistance, my contact information is listed below.

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