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Attn: Dan Dolan

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Reference: Opera AQG Federal 001      15-26s-31e      30-015-29435      -

Operator,

The NMOCD District 2 office is in receipt of a C-141 Release Notification reporting a release of produced fluids at the above referenced well site. The reported volume and type of fluid released is as follows: 160 bbls oil and 300 bbls produced water. Reported volume recovered is as follows: 88 bbls oil and 175 bbls produced water. The release incident occurred on 8/22/2005. The release was first reported to the OCD by phone call from Yates Petroleum Representative, Dan Dolan on 9/7/2005. The C-141 Release Report was received via fax on 9/8/2005.

The reporting of this incident is in violation of NMOCD Rule 19.15.3.116.

At this time the NMOCD is requesting a work plan outlining methods to be used in remediation of this release. The work plan is to be provided to the OCD District 2 office no later than 9/26/2005.

Acceptance of work plans and/or documents by the NMOCD 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 work plan and/or documents does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

NMOCD District 2 office requires a minimum 24 hour notice prior to commencement of remediation activities and prior to obtaining samples where analysis of such samples are to be presented to the NMOCD.

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

Sincerely,

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