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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

30-015-25423

# Release Notification and Corrective Action

nmlb0525943754

## OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	Merit Energy Co.	Contact	Mike Self
Address	P.O. Box 69 Loc 11B N.M.	Telephone No.	505 706 0972
Facility Name	Keel West Int Line	Facility Type	Keel West Int Line
Surface Owner	B L M	Mineral Owner	B L M
		Lease No.	029435A

## LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
KA	7	17 S	31 E	2080	North	1700	West	Eddy

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

## NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Produced Water	Volume of Release	Volume Recovered
Source of Release	Int Line	Date and Hour of Occurrence	9-14 Date and Hour of Discovery
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	IF YES, To Whom?	B L M & OCD
By Whom?		Date and Hour	9-14 6:15P
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.\*

INJECTION LINE LEAK

INJECTION STATION SHUT IN IMMEDIATELY

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Area North of Keel A 16 in Pasture & Well-Head area

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOC 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 NMOC 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, NMOC 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>Mike Self</i>	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: <i>Mike Self</i>	Approved by District Supervisor: TIM GUM by MB <i>MBK Sanchez</i>	
Title: <i>Foreman</i>	Approval Date: <i>9/16/05</i>	Expiration Date: <i>N/A</i>
E-mail Address: <i>M. Self @ Merit Energy . com</i>	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date: <i>9-14-05</i>	Phone: <i>505 706 0972</i>	

\* Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary

The spill area covered approx. 300' long x 20' wide area on a sandy down slope the spill had soaked in and had no standing fluids. The size of spill Estimated @ less than 25 bbl Produced water.

cc - Loco Hills office 9/16/05 w/ work plan Request letter



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**Oil Conservation Division**

Merit Energy Co.  
PO Box 69  
Loco Hills NM 88255

September 16, 2005

Re: Keel West Injection Line (Keel A 016)      F-7-17s-31e      30-015-25423      Incident # nMLB0525943754

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District II Office is in receipt of an Initial Report C-141 reporting a produced fluids release that occurred on 9/14/2005 at or near the above referenced well site.

Please submit a Corrective Action Work Plan to this office for correction/remediation of this release. Please use the "Guidelines For Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases" as your guide.

This document may be found on the NMOCD web site: [www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd), under Publications/Environmental Handbook/Miscellaneous Guidelines/Spill Prevention Clean up.

The work plan presented to the NMOCD must include general site characteristics, site ranking score, soil remediation action levels, soil remediation methods, and planned analytical testing for TPH, B-TEX, Chlorides or any other CoCs as applicable.

A final Form C-141 is required for closure of the release incident and must include a report of remediation actions taken with final analytical results attached.

BLM approval required if applicable.

**Please have the requested work plan in the Artesia office on or before September 30, 2005. The NMOCD District II Office must be notified 24 hours prior to any remediation actions and/or subsequent soil samples taken for analysis.**

**In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter** further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe. Such a hearing may result in imposition of **CIVIL PENALTIES** for your violation of NMOCD rules.

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

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