

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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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 August 8, 2011

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

**OPERATOR**

☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

Name of Company Linn Operating	Contact Brian Wall	
Address 2130 W. Bender, Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No. (806) 367-0645	
Facility Name HE West B # 2 Battery / West B #88	Facility Type Battery	
Surface Owner Federal	Mineral Owner Federal	API No. 3001528537

**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
D	09	17S	31E	1309	North	1310	West	Eddy

Latitude 32.85273 Longitude -103.87827

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release Oil / Produced Water	Volume of Release 8 / 2	Volume Recovered 0 / 0
Source of Release Valve	Date and Hour of Occurrence 06/07/2012 8:30am	Date and Hour of Discovery 06/07/2012 9am
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? M. Bratcher - NM OCD Terry Gregston - BLM	
By Whom? Joe Hernandez	Date and Hour 06/13/2012	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	


If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\* 2" T on the production header was buried and failed releasing oil and produced water.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* The release affected 17,545 sq ft of battery and pasture land. Two other environmental companies worked this site previously to RECS taking over remediation activities. When RECS obtained the site, the battery had already been excavated to 1.5 - 3 ft bgs and a request to backfill the site had been approved by BLM on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. As part of permission to backfill, BLM had a stipulation that Sample Point 1 needed to be delineated to find closure levels. The site was backfilled and contoured to the surrounding location. RECS took over the project on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A vertical was attempted at Point 1 on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013; however, installation was aborted when a fiberglass line was found below Point 1. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, RECS met with NMOCD and NMOCD stated that RECS needed to assess the release outside the bermed battery area. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, RECS met with BLM and BLM stated that the work was completed inside the battery and RECS needed to assess the release outside the battery. RECS sampled that area outside the battery on beginning on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Samples were taken from the surface at seven points within the release area outside the bermed battery and one sample, Point 7, was taken as background sample. The samples were field tested for chlorides and organic vapors and the samples were taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis. All the samples returned chloride values below 1,000 mg/kg, GRO values of non-detect and DRO values below regulatory standards, except for the background sample at Point 7, which returned a DRO value of 5,890 mg/kg. A Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was submitted to NMOCD and BLM on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. BLM approved the CAP on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and NMOCD approved the CAP on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. As a stipulation for approval of the CAP, NMOCD requested that since this release encompasses another release at the site, a final C-141 for the 2RP-950 be enclosed with the final documentation for this site. RECS personnel were on site on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to conduct the CAP work. Soil amendments were added to the site and the site was seeded with BLM mix #2 and #4. The remainder of the contamination from the release will be addressed at site abandonment.

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.

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Signature: Fred B Wall	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Printed Name: Brian Wall	Approval Date: 5/16/14	Expiration Date: NA
Title: Construction Foreman II	Conditions of Approval: Final	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
E-mail Address: Bwall@linenergy.com		
Date: 4-4-14	Phone: (806) 367-0645	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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