

**NM OIL CONSERVATION**

ARTESIA DISTRICT

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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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Form C-141  
Revised August 8, 2011

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RECEIVED to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

NAB1722034368

**OPERATOR**

Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company: XTO Energy	Contact: Amy Ruth
Address: 522 W. Mermod, Suite 704 Carlsbad, N.M. 88220	Telephone No. 575-887-7329
Facility Name: PLU Pierce Canyon 20-24-30 USA Battery (@ API Poker Lake CVX JV PC #010H)	Facility Type: Exploration and Production

Surface Owner: Federal	Mineral Owner: Federal	API No. 30-015-39692
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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
O	17	24S	30E	60	South	1670	East	Eddy

Latitude 32.210609° Longitude -103.900262°

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release	Produced Water	Volume of Release	120 BPW	Volume Recovered	120 BPW
Source of Release	Victaulic blind/nipple on pump suction line	Date and Hour of Occurrence	7/17/2017 time unknown	Date and Hour of Discovery	7/17/2017 11:00 am
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Mike Bratcher/Crystal Weaver (NMOCD), Jim Amos/Shelly Tucker (BLM)			
By Whom?	Jacob Foust	Date and Hour	7/18/2017 10:41 am by email		
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.\*  
A Victaulic blind with a threaded regular coated nipple, placed along suction line prior to water pump suction entry point, became corroded and released fluid to secondary containment. The blind and nipple were replaced.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*  
The leak affected the area within the secondary impermeable tank containment (metal walled, bottom lined with felt, spray coated with PVC based material). All fluids were removed and recovered via vacuum truck. The containment and affected equipment were cleaned. The liner was visually inspected and XTO attests to its integrity at the time of the event and recovery.

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:	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: Amy C. Ruth	Approved by Environmental Specialist	Signed By:
Title: Environmental Supervisor	Approval Date: 8/10/17	Expiration Date: N/A
E-mail Address: Amy.Ruth@xtoenergy.com	Conditions of Approval: FINAL	Attached <input type="checkbox"/> 200-4338
Date: 8/3/2017 Phone: 432-661-0571		

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

7/10/17 NAB

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Ruth, Amy <Amy\_Ruth@xtoenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2017 3:43 PM  
**To:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; jamos@blm.gov; stucker@blm.gov  
**Cc:** Sanders, Toady; Foust, Bryan  
**Subject:** RE: Initial notification for release at XTO Pierce Canyon 20-25-30 battery  
**Attachments:** Initial C-141 PLU PC 20-25-30 Battery.pdf

Hi Crystal,

Please find the revised initial form C-141 for the referenced leak event. Thank you for your help, as always. Photos are available if needed, and sorry for the delay in replying. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Have a good evening...

Amy  
432-661-0571

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**From:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD [mailto:Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2017 10:36 AM  
**To:** Ruth, Amy; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; jamos@blm.gov; stucker@blm.gov  
**Cc:** Sanders, Toady; Foust, Bryan  
**Subject:** RE: Initial notification for release at XTO Pierce Canyon 20-25-30 battery

Good morning all,

Hope you are doing well.

I have one small adjustment I needed to request from XTO regarding initial/final containment captured spills. OCD has had many internal discussions on this matter and we are all under agreement that when receiving an initial/final that involves the statement more of less of "all production fluids were kept in lined secondary containment" we need you all to include the following additional statements on the C-141:

- What type of containment it is.
- That the fluids were completely removed and that if fill material was in place within the containment that it was taken out and replaced.
- We need a statement that includes the mentioning that the liner/containment was completely checked and that you all "attest to the integrity of the liner/containment."
- **\*\*In certain cases OCD may also request photo documentation of the liner/containment.\*\***

So for this one we need you all to send a revised copy of the initial/final C-141 that includes statements in your own words addressing all the above requested information (FYI no photos are being requested at this time for this release). Please continue to make all these requested statements on any initial/final C-141's of this nature that are submitted to OCD in the future as well.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact myself or Mike Bratcher here at the OCD District II Office.

Thank you,

## Crystal Weaver

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Artesia, NM 88210  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ruth, Amy [[mailto:Amy\\_Ruth@xtoenergy.com](mailto:Amy_Ruth@xtoenergy.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:48 PM  
To: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD <[mike.bratcher@state.nm.us](mailto:mike.bratcher@state.nm.us)>; Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD <[Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us](mailto:Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us)>; [jamos@blm.gov](mailto:jamos@blm.gov); [stucker@blm.gov](mailto:stucker@blm.gov)  
Cc: Sanders, Toady <[Toady\\_Sanders@xtoenergy.com](mailto:Toady_Sanders@xtoenergy.com)>; Foust, Bryan <[Bryan\\_Foust@xtoenergy.com](mailto:Bryan_Foust@xtoenergy.com)>  
Subject: RE: Initial notification for release at XTO Pierce Canyon 20-25-30 battery

Hello All,

Please find attached, the initial/final C-141 for the PLU Pierce Canyon 20-24-30 USA Battery leak event, referenced below in the initial release notification. Please let us know if we can provide any additional assistance and, as always, thank you for yours.

-----Original Message-----

From: Foust, Bryan  
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:41 AM  
To: Mike EMNRD Bratcher; Crystal EMNRD Weaver; [jamos@blm.gov](mailto:jamos@blm.gov); [stucker@blm.gov](mailto:stucker@blm.gov)  
Cc: Ruth, Amy; Sanders, Toady  
Subject: Initial notification for release at XTO Pierce Canyon 20-25-30 battery

Good morning. Yesterday we had a release of produced water at our pierce canyon 20-25-30 battery. It will be over 25 barrels. All fluid was within the plastic containment and recovered. There was no impact to the soil or any plant or animal life. We will submit an initial and final c141 since the cleanup is already complete.

Thank you, please let me know if you have any questions