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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
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Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

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Office in accordance  
with Rule 116 on back  
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NMOCD ARTESIA

Release Notification and Corrective Action  
OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report

☒ Final Report

Name of Company Yates Petroleum Corporation	OGRID Number 25575	Contact Amanda Trujillo
Address 104 S. 4 <sup>TH</sup> Street	Telephone No. 575-748-1471	
Facility Name Koonunga Hill BGX Federal #1	API Number 30-015-34380	Facility Type Gas well
		Order Number 2RP- 734
Surface Owner Federal	Mineral Owner Federal	Lease No. NM - 103594

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
E	19	22S	25E	1838	NORTH	1072	WEST	EDDY

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release WATER <i>Produced Water</i>	Volume of Release 50	Volume Recovered 45
Source of Release 4" Check Valve froze and broke during the thaw out process.	Date and Hour of Occurrence 2/07/2011	Date and Hour of Discovery 2/07/2011 - 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 - NMOCD/Artesia	
By Whom? Amanda Trujillo - Yates Petroleum Corporation	Date and Hour 02/09/2011 am	
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.* 4" Check Valve froze and broke during the thaw out process. Release was held inside lined berm. Vacuum truck was dispatched to pick up standing fluids.		
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* An approximate size of 20' x 20' was impacted. Release was held inside lined berm. Vacuum truck was dispatched to pick up standing fluids. <b>Depth to Ground Water: &gt;50' (approx. 65', per New Mexico State Engineers office); Wellhead Protection Area: No; Distance to Surface Water Body: &gt;1000'; SITE RANKING IS 10. Based on site ground water quality and enclosed analytical results.</b>		
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: <i>A Trujillo</i>	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Accepted for record NMOCD	
Printed Name: Amanda Trujillo	Approved by District Supervisor: <i>4/11/2011</i>	
Title: Environmental Scientist	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: atrujillo@yatespetroleum.com	Conditions of Approval: <i>See email</i>	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2011	Phone: 575-748-4310	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

☒ No analytical or water quality  
data was included with this  
submittal

Release #1082

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:52 PM  
**To:** 'Amanda Trujillo'  
**Subject:** RE: C-141 submittals

Amanda,

I can work with this, but I have some questions.

On the Koonunga Hills Pipeline release, this is probably a cut & paste or template error, but on the C-141, under Cause, you have listed that the release was held inside a lined berm. As I understand from the rest of the information, this was a cumulative 75 bbl release coming from 22 release points over a 7 mile stretch of pipeline. Please resubmit a corrected copy.

Where does this line begin and terminate?

Has BLM requested Yates to provide notification of releases on Fed properties?

When submitting C-141s, you have listed after the site ranking, "Based on site ground water quality and enclosed analytical results." Could you explain what you are referring to with this statement?

With the two releases on the Koonunga Hill BGX Fed #1 site, there was 5 bbls unaccounted for with each release. The C-141 for the 2/10/11 release indicates the gravel was replaced. Was the liner integrity checked? If it was, please send an addendum to the C-141 stating the condition of the liner and what the suspected or known 10 bbl loss of fluid would be attributed to.

Thanks,

**MIKE BRATCHER**

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AS OF 4/11/2011 NO RESPONSE  
HAS BEEN RECIEVED

**From:** Amanda Trujillo [<mailto:atrujillo@yatespetroleum.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:02 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** RE: C-141 submittals

Mike;

Attached are the C-141s plus a few more. Would you rather have me send these in separate emails for your documentation supposes?

- OhKay SWD #3 Release date 2/17/11

- Koonunga Hills BGX Fed #1 Release dates (2 releases) 2/7/11 and 2/10/11
  1. I am requesting closure on the Koonunga Hill spills. Attached are two Initial/Final C-141s. Both releases occurred in a lined berm
  2. There are is an additional C-141 for the pipeline
- Saguaro AGS #4 Reported 2/7/11
- Osprey BPS St #1-H Reported 2/4/11
  1. I am requesting closure on the Osprey#1-H spills. Attached are two Initial/Final C-141s. Both releases occurred in a lined berm

Amanda N. Trujillo  
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 Yates Petroleum Corporation  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD [<mailto:mike.bratcher@state.nm.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 10:28 AM  
**To:** Amanda Trujillo  
**Subject:** C-141 submittals

Amanda,

I guess this is my day to bug you. I am checking on C-141 Initial Report for the following reported releases:

- OhKay SWD #3 Release date 2/17/11
- Koonunga Hills BGX Fed #1 Release dates (2 releases) 2/7/11 and 2/10/11
- Saguaro AGS #4 Reported 2/7/11
- Osprey BPS St #1-H Reported 2/4/11

Thanks,

*Mike Bratcher*  
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