

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
District IV
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

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

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By JKeyes at 7:36 am, Mar 23, 2016

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

Initial Report Final Report

Name of Company: COG Operating LLC	Contact: Robert McNeill
Address: 600 West Illinois Avenue, Midland TX 79701	Telephone No. 432-230-0077
Facility Name: MERLIN STATE COM #001H	Facility Type: Battery

Surface Owner:	Mineral Owner: State	API No. 30-025-41590
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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
N	29	21S	34E	1130	South	1650	West	Lea

Latitude 32.4456367 Longitude -103.4951477

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Oil & Produced Water	Volume of Release: 3 bbls Oil ; 16 bbls PW	Volume Recovered: 1 bbls Oil ; 15 bbls PW
Source of Release: Separation equipment	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 3/9/2016 12:55 pm	Date and Hour of Discovery: 3/9/2016 12:55 pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	
By Whom?	Date and Hour:	
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.*

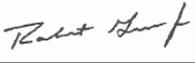
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

This release was caused by a hole in the fire tube of a heater treater. Vacuum trucks were dispatched to recover standing fluid.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

This release was contained within the lined facility. Concho will have the spill site evaluated for any possible contamination from the release.

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: 	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Printed Name: Robert Grubbs Jr.	Approval Date: 03/23/2016	Expiration Date: 05/23/2016
Title: Senior Environmental Coordinator	Conditions of Approval: If contamination occurred then delineate and remediate per NMOCD guidelines. Discrete site samples only.	
E-mail Address: rgrubbs@concho.com	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date: March 21, 2016 Phone: 432-683-7443	1RP 4220	

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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