

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

**HOBBS OCD**

SEP 11 2018

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural  
Resources Department

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

Form C-141  
Revised August 24, 2018  
Submit to appropriate OCD District office

Incident ID	nCH1825450764
District RP	1RP-5189
Facility ID	fCH1825449147
Application ID	pCH1825453647

**RECEIVED Release Notification**

**Responsible Party**

Responsible Party	Pogo Oil and Gas Operating, INC	OGRID	372000
Contact Name	Merch Merchant	Contact Telephone	(575) 631-7450
Contact email	mymerch@penrocoil.com	Incident # (assign)	NCH1825450764 EAST HOBBS SA UNIT CENTRAL BATTERY @ FCH1825449147
Contact mailing address	2130 W Bender Blvd, Hobbs NM, 88240		

**Location of Release Source**

Latitude 32.71610 Longitude -103.07840  
(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name	East Hobbs SA Unit Central Battery	Site Type	Battery
Date Release Discovered	August 29, 2018	API# (if applicable)	

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
I	30	18S	39E	Lea

Surface Owner: ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Tribal ☒ Private (Fee \_\_\_\_\_)

**Nature and Volume of Release**

Material(s) Released (Select all that apply and attach calculations or specific justification for the volumes provided below)

<input type="checkbox"/> Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input type="checkbox"/> Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf) UNKNOWN (VAPORS)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)

**Cause of Release**

Previous operators neglected battery. Thief hatch has weathered seals, and small hole in top of tank due to rust. Vapors leaked at the out of oil tank due to seals not holding.

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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release?  May with reasonable probability endanger public health
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)?  Merch Merchant notified Maxey Brown by phone on August 29, 2018 upon discovery by rancher.  No notice given. Reported by member of the public.	

Initial Response

The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The source of the release has been stopped. <input type="checkbox"/> The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment. <input type="checkbox"/> Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices. <input type="checkbox"/> All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.	
If all the actions described above have <u>not</u> been undertaken, explain why:  H2S alarm detection system has been updated from old one. We have also used IR imaging and video to find where the vapor is escaping from the top of the oil tanks. We are in the process of installing new tank tops, along with replacing the seals in all thief hatches in oil tanks.	
Per 19.15.29.8 B. (4) NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please attach a narrative of actions to date. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a) NMAC), please attach all information needed for closure evaluation.	
I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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 OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD 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.	
Printed Name: M. Y. Merchant	Title: Agent
Signature: [Signature]	Date: 9/11/18
email: mymerch@petrocoil.com	Telephone: (575) 492-1236
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