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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Form C-141  
Revised April 3, 2017

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.

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

**OPERATOR**  Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company: COG Operating, LLC OGRID #229137	Contact: Robert McNeill
Address: 600 West Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No. 432-683-7443
Facility Name: <b>Pygmy 27 State #001H</b>	Facility Type Battery

Surface Owner: Private	Mineral Owner: State	API No. 30-025-40352
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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
D	27	21S	33E	330	North	190	West	Lea

Latitude 32.45625385 Longitude -103.56884895 NAD83

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release: Oil	Volume of Release 30 bbl.	Volume Recovered 27 bbl.
Source of Release: Hole in vessel	Date and Hour of Occurrence: March 24, 2018 9:00am	Date and Hour of Discovery: March 24, 2018 9:00am
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Olivia Yu- NMOCD; Bradford Billings - NMOCD	
By Whom? Sheldon Hitchcock	Date and Hour: March 24, 2018 12:33pm	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	

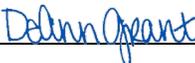
**RECEIVED**  
By Olivia Yu at 9:26 am, Mar 28, 2018

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*  
The release was caused by oil running from bottom of tank at the underside of the welded seam below the load line. Replacing or repairing tank.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*  
The release occurred within the lined facility. A vacuum truck was dispatched to remove all freestanding fluids. Concho will have the spill area evaluated for any possible impact from the release and we will present a remediation work plan to the NMOCD for approval prior to any significant remediation activities.

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: DeAnn Grant	Approved by Environmental Specialist: 	
Title: HSE Administrative Assistant	Approval Date: <b>3/28/2018</b>	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: agrant@concho.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: March 26, 2018 Phone: 432-253-4513	Please inspect liner in question. Provide NMOCD with a concise report of the inspection with affirmation the liner has and will continue to contain liquids.	

**nOY1808734284**

**Photo documentation of the surface underneath the affected tank.**

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

**From:** [Yu, Olivia, EMNRD](#)  
**To:** ["DeAnn Grant"; "Mann, Ryan"](#)  
**Cc:** [Sheldon Hitchcock](#); [Dakota Neel](#); [Rebecca Haskell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: (Initial C-141) Pygmy 27 State #001H 3-24-2018 (30-025-40352)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 9:44:00 AM  
**Attachments:** COG\_(Initial C-141) Pygmy 27 State #001H 3-24-2018 (30-025-40352).pdf  
image001.png

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Dear Ms. Grant:

Please note that this release occurred on State minerals, not BLM. NMSLO can verify.

Please see the attachment for your records. Please inspect the liner in question. It is NMOCD's understanding that all impacted material in the containment has been removed and the liner inspected for integrity. Provide NMOCD with a concise report of the inspection with affirmation the liner has and will continue to contain liquids. Pictures and a record of the removal of contaminated fill or proper disposal of liquids are strongly encouraged to accompany submission of initial C-141s.

NMOCD presumes the presence of a lined surface underneath the tanks. As the source of the release was from the bottom of a tank, NMOCD requests that one of the photo submitted for closure of this incident be of the area beneath the affected tank.

Thanks,

Olivia Yu  
Environmental Specialist  
NMOCD, District I  
[Olivia.yu@state.nm.us](mailto:Olivia.yu@state.nm.us)  
575-393-6161 x113

OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

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**From:** DeAnn Grant <[agrant@concho.com](mailto:agrant@concho.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 2:12 PM  
**To:** Yu, Olivia, EMNRD <[Olivia.Yu@state.nm.us](mailto:Olivia.Yu@state.nm.us)>  
**Cc:** [jamos@blm.gov](mailto:jamos@blm.gov); Sheldon Hitchcock <[SLHitchcock@concho.com](mailto:SLHitchcock@concho.com)>; Dakota Neel <[DNeel2@concho.com](mailto:DNeel2@concho.com)>; Rebecca Haskell <[RHaskell@concho.com](mailto:RHaskell@concho.com)>; DeAnn Grant <[agrant@concho.com](mailto:agrant@concho.com)>  
**Subject:** (Initial C-141) Pygmy 27 State #001H 3-24-2018 (30-025-40352)

Ms. Yu,

Please find the attached Initial C-141 for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Thank you,

*DeAnn Grant*

HSE Administrative Assistant

[agrant@concho.com](mailto:agrant@concho.com)

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**From:** Sheldon Hitchcock  
**To:** [Yu, Olivia, EMNRD](#); [Billings, Bradford, EMNRD](#)  
**Cc:** [Rebecca Haskell](#); [Robert McNeill](#); [Dakota Neel](#); [Christopher Gray](#); [DeAnn Grant](#)  
**Subject:** (Notification) Pygmy 27 State #001H (30-025-40352) 3/24/2018  
**Date:** Saturday, March 24, 2018 12:32:42 PM

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Ms. Yu,

COG Operating, LLC (OGRID#: 229137) is reporting a release at the Pygmy 27 State #001H.

The release occurred on March 24, 2018. All of the fluid remained inside of the lined containment.

Release Location

Unit Letter D, Section 27, Township 21S, Range 33E

Lat/Long: 32.4561577 -103.5683441

Estimated Volume released: >25bbbls of oil

Estimated volume recovered: Ongoing

COG is having the area evaluated and an initial C-141 will be submitted. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Sheldon L. Hitchcock  
HSE Coordinator  
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