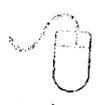


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ENTERED WESTERN GALLUP

JULY 2013

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

Form C-141
Revised August 8, 2011

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.
*submitted in July after
OCD request of record from*

Release Notification and Corrective Action *seep discovered in May*

OPERATOR Initial Report Final Report

Name of Company: WESTERN REFINING	Contact: Ed Riege
Address: I-40 / EXIT 39, JAMESTOWN, NM 87347	Telephone No. (505) 722-0217
Facility Name: WESTERN RENINING (GALLUP REFINERY)	Facility Type: Petroleum Refinery

Surface Owner	Mineral Owner	API No.
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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
	28	15 N	15 W					MCKINLEY

Latitude 35° 029' 024" Longitude 108° 024' 024"

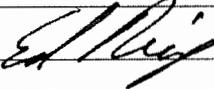
NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Evaporation Pond Water	Volume of Release Est. 18.1 bbl	Volume Recovered: none
Source of Release: Evaporation Pond 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11	Date and Hour of Occurrence Second quarter 2013	Date and Hour of Discovery <u>6/8/13 @ 1330</u>
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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. N/A	
If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully. * N/A		

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.* High pond water levels created a head pressure leading to seepage from the base of six of the evaporation ponds. Through the use of two snow machines (evaporators), water conservation and cooperative weather (high winds and hot temperature) the freeboard of the ponds is back at 3 foot or greater and it appears the seepage has subsided in most areas. Gallup applied for a NMED Air Quality Bureau permit for a more aggressive evaporation system in May and again in June for Pond 9. The system is a Rain for Rent design to be placed on Pond 9. Trinity Consultants continues to work with the AQB Permitting Section on permitting this system. This evaporation system would further lower pond levels so they could be inspected on the inside and recommended repairs could be made. This system would have a high wind cutoff to prevent drift off the pond. Gallup will continue to monitor shallow groundwater down gradient of the ponds which have not indicated any releases.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*
Certain areas adjacent to evaporation ponds 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 were affected. The seepage that the inspectors observed in April 2013 did not leave the property as it would have to travel through the ponding area and closed valve at Outfall #1. To investigate the release Western will contract RPS to collect surface (0"- 6") soil samples using a decontaminated hand auger or stainless steel spoons. The soil samples will be collected immediately adjacent to the berm of the evaporation ponds 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 where the highest seepage rates were observed in April 2013 and at nearby surface depressions where the seepage may have ponded. The analytical results of effluent sampling at evaporation ponds 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 for the last three years were reviewed to determine which analyses to perform on the soil samples. Based on the constituents detected in the effluent samples, the soil samples will be analyzed for chloride and semi-volatile organic compounds. In addition, three surface soil samples will be collected in the immediate area, but not from any areas potentially affected by the seepage. These samples will be analyzed for chlorides to determine the background concentration of surface soils in the area of the evaporation ponds.
The ponds have retained their integrity for approximately fifty years. The soils used to shore up the dikes were the same soils as the existing construction, which is made up of the clays in the area that have held water for decades. As we evaluate the situation further, we will develop plans for cleanup as needed.

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: 	<u>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</u>	
Printed Name: Ed Riege	Approved by Environmental Specialist:	
Title: Environmental Manager	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: ed.riega@wnr.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 7/18/2013 Phone (505) 722-0217		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary