

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division (19.15.30.15 NMAC), the following Stage 1 Abatement Plan has been submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") Environmental Bureau, 1220 S. Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Telephone (505) 476-3441, OCD.environmental@emnrd.nm.gov.

Chevron USA, Inc., 6301 Deauville Boulevard, Midland, TX 79706, has submitted a Stage 1 Abatement Plan (AP) for soil and groundwater impacts identified at the Skeen Sate #003H Site located within Unit B, Section 02, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, in Eddy County, New Mexico. The exact location of the release site is at latitude and longitude decimal degrees: 32.0784645°, -104.1587753°. To aid in locating the Site, the approximate location is south-southwest of Malaga, New Mexico, 5.25 miles west of U.S. Route 285, and 5.31 miles north of the New Mexico-Texas border.

On September 21, 2017, a stuffing box blowout resulted in the release of approximately 9 barrels of crude oil and 6 barrels of produced water onto the Skeen State #003H well pad. Initial response activities were implemented to remediate hydrocarbon and chloride impacts to the lease pad surface. Subsurface investigations concluded that the released fluids impacted shallow groundwater at the Site. No surface water has been impacted by this release.

The Stage 1 AP proposes to confirm delineation of groundwater impacts through the installation of monitoring wells at the Site. Groundwater sampling will be conducted subsequent to monitoring well installation. The data obtained from the Stage 1 Abatement Plan activities will be evaluated to determine a preferred abatement plan remediation option at the Site.

It is anticipated that the tasks associated with Stage 1 AP activities will be completed between January 2027 and March 2027. The Stage 1 AP addresses monitoring well installation, construction, development, groundwater monitoring, and reporting. Once the magnitude and extent of groundwater impacts are understood at the Site, proposed remediation activities will be presented in a subsequent Stage 2 AP.

Additional information can be obtained from the Chevron project contact:

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The OCD has determined that the Stage 1 AP is administratively complete. The OCD will accept comments and statements of interest regarding this work plan and will create a facility-specific mailing list for persons who wish to receive future notices. Persons interested in obtaining further information, submitting comments, or requesting to be on a facility-specific mailing list may contact the OCD Environmental Bureau at the address given above.

The public may view a copy of the Stage 1 Abatement Plan online from OCD Permitting under incident ID# nAB1727856058 at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/>. Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the Stage 1 AP may contact the OCD at the address given above. The OCD will accept written comments on the Stage 1 AP if the Director receives them within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Para obtener mas información sobre esta solicitud en español, sirvase comunicarse por favor: New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (Depto. Del Energia, Minerals y Recursos Naturales de Nuevo Mexico), Oil Conservation Division (Depto. Conservación Del Petróleo), 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Contacto: OCD.environmental@emnrd.nm.gov).

Given under the Seal of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this June 6, 2026.

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Albert Chang, Director