



**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

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**ACCIDENT REPORT**

As required by Rule 602.b.

Report taken by: \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT** (Please be as specific as possible)

<b>Name of Operator:</b> <u>Great Western Oil and Gas Co., LLC</u> <b>Date of Incident:</b> <u>March 10, 2011</u> <b>Type of Facility (well, tank battery, flow line, pit):</b> <u>Flow line</u> <b>Well Name and Number:</b> <u>Coulson 2-23</u> <b>API Number:</b> <u>05-123-31933-00</u> <b>Connect to Accident (land owner, royalty owner, etc.):</b> <u>operator</u>	<p align="center"><b>Location</b></p> <b>County:</b> <u>Weld</u> <b>Field Name:</b> <u>Wattenberg</u> <b>QtrQtr:</b> <u>SESW</u> <b>Section:</b> <u>2</u> <b>Township:</b> <u>4N</u> <b>Range:</b> <u>67W</u> <b>Meridian:</b> <u>6th</u>
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**Provide a detailed description of the accident, problem, and cause (equipment failure, human error, etc.):**

At 7:00 a.m. on March 10, 2011 the flow line from the Coulson 2-23 well was punctured by the ripper on a CAT that was reclaiming the pad site for the Coulson 2-13, 2-14, 2-23 and 2-53 wells.

This occurred because too much cover had been removed from the flow line paths while reclaiming the ground elevation to that required for farming and irrigation. The pad site was quite large (4 wells) and the topography varied between farm and non-farm ground which related to the removal of too much cover from our line. The ripper was set at 48" of cover and the pipe only had 40" of cover left.

The cause of the accident was human error. Great Western has revised its procedures for reclamation to include full line locates before equipment arrives and to depressure and lockout all well flowlines before work begins.

The only damage was to the 2" flow line. Cost of repair was \$2,500.

The spill / release from the line was less than 3 bbls total, which has been cleaned up.

**OTHER NOTIFICATIONS**

List the parties and agencies notified (County, BLM, EPA, DOT, Local Emergency Planning Coordinator or other).

Date	Agency	Contact Person	Response
3/10/11	Milliken Fire Department		visited site for contingency planning
3/10/11	Milliken Police Department		visited site for contingency planning

Accident Tracking No: \_\_\_\_\_