



# 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>Bill Barrett Corporation</u>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Date of Incident:</b> <u>September 3, 2012, approximately 5-6 PM</u>	<b>County:</b> <u>Weld</u>
<b>Type of Facility (well, tank battery, flow line, pit):</b> <u>Well</u>	<b>Field Name:</b> <u>Wattenberg</u>
<b>Well Name and Number:</b> <u>Siefken 11-30H, COGCC Facility ID Number 424135</u>	<b>QtrQtr:</b> <u>NWNW</u> <b>Section:</b> <u>30</u>
<b>API Number:</b> <u>05-123-33901</u>	<b>Township:</b> <u>7N</u> <b>Range:</b> <u>61W</u>
<b>Connect to Accident (land owner, royalty owner, etc.):</b> <u>Operator</u>	<b>Meridian:</b> <u>6th PM</u>

Provide a detailed description of the accident, problem, and cause (equipment failure, human error, etc.):

Between 5 and 6 PM on September 3, 2012 a 24,000 bbl portable aboveground storage tank manufactured by Big Pond experienced a ring wall failure, resulting in the release of approximately 22,400 bbls of fresh potable water. Big Pond is headquartered in Cheyenne, WY and is a Division of 307inc. The water that was contained in the tank and subsequently released was obtained from domestic supply points in the Cities of Greeley and Kersey, Colorado. At no time prior to the incident had produced water been stored in the tank. Furthermore, no chemical additives had been added to the water in the tank.

The initial investigation indicated that a weld or several welds failed on steel brackets holding the ring wall sections together. This allowed the wall sections to split apart. The liner then ruptured and water was rapidly released. The tank itself suffered significant damage and a nearby light plant was severely damaged by a section of the ring wall as it fell over. No personnel were injured and no other equipment was damaged in the incident. Big Pond is currently conducted an investigation of the incident.

The water released in the incident flooded the pad and then flowed off location toward the east into cropland. It is estimated that approximately 2 to 3 acres off location were flooded by the water. After the spill a water sample was collected from water that remained in puddles on the floor of the line. Halliburton collected and analyzed the sample in their laboratory. The sample was analyzed for pH, chlorides, TDS, and other parameters. The laboratory report is attached to this report for your reference. All parameters indicate that the liquid released was fresh water.

After the release standing water was removed with a vacuum truck. The water was then filtered and placed back into frac tanks that were moved onto location to replace the Big Pond tank.

### OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

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

Date	Agency	Contact Person	Response
None			

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