

From: [Arthur Beecherl](#)
To: [Robert Chesson - DNR](#)
Subject: RE: December 2016 spill - Cervi 03N-63W-26-1N (API 05-123-41222)
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:34:04 PM
Attachments: [Verdad Memo to Mike Cervi - 01_06_17.pdf](#)

Bob –

For your reference and use. I am available at your earliest convenience to discuss.

- 1) Mr. Cervi was not attempted for contact until after the Initial Form 19 was submitted even though they happened on the same day.
- 2) It was a mistake and an error on my part to not include him as a contact on the Supplemental Form 19 even though there was an attempt to reach him. We found that he was not in Colorado at the time of the initial contact attempts (12/27/16). We have cell records to back up our contact attempts and we sent the above memo shortly after the holidays to his secretary via email as he is difficult to get on the phone at times.
- 3) The one mistake I made was that I did not contact Weld County. I was unaware of that part of the rule. This is an oversight by which I will not make the mistake again. Do you want me to send Weld County the reports?
- 4) In regards to a cover up, we feel we did everything, but try and cover this up. I am available for an onsite inspection with my production superintendent at the COGCC's convenience.

Again, I am available at your convenience to discuss in more detail.

Regards –

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From: Robert Chesson - DNR [mailto:Robert.Chesson@state.co.us]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:26 PM
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Mr. Beecherl,

Mike Cervi has contacted the Colorado Oil & Gas Commission and filed a complaint (200440955) . alleging improper handling of the tank overflow spill of December 2016 at the Cervi 03N-63W-26-1N tank battery (well API 05-123-41222). Verdad O&G submitted a spill report to the COGCC on 12/27/16 showing a discover data of 12/26/16. Initial spill volume was not known but was reported as exceeding 100 bbls. With a reported minor amount outside of tank containment. Based on the report, neither Weld County or Mr. Cervi was notified on this spill as required by rule (906b(2 & 3)) A later supplemental report on 12/29/16 listed the released volume as 275 bbls oil with 250 bbls recovered; impacted soils were removed and stockpiled (14 cubic yds) for disposal. Again there is no reported notice to Mr. Cervi on the submittal. Mr. Cervi is alleging that Verdad may have “covered up” this spill and the COGCC will be conducting an investigation to address this complaint.

Mr. Cervi told me on our phone conversation today, that he has contacted Verdad concerning his concerns. I would like to discuss this spill and complaint with you as soon as it is convenient. Please contact me at the phone number below.

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