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Spill report taken by:

Spill/Release Point ID:

SPILL/RELEASE REPORT (INITIAL /w SUPPLEMENTAL)

This form is to be submitted by the party responsible for the oil and gas spill or release. Refer to ECMC Rule 912.b. for reporting requirements of spills or releases of E&P Waste, produced Fluids, or unauthorized Releases of natural gas. Submit a Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan (Form 27) if Rule 913.c. applies.

OPERATOR INFORMATION

Name of Operator: <u>PDC ENERGY INC</u>	Operator No: <u>69175</u>	Phone Numbers
Address: <u>1099 18TH STREET SUITE 1500</u>		Phone: <u>(847) 254-8796</u>
City: <u>DENVER</u> State: <u>CO</u> Zip: <u>80202</u>		Mobile: <u>()</u>
Contact Person: <u>Michelle Bartoszek</u>		Email: <u>michelle.bartoszek@chevron.com</u>

Transfer of Operatorship: Pursuant to Rule 912.f, this Supplemental Form 19 is being submitted to designate the Buying Operator as the responsible Operator for this Spill and Release.

INITIAL SPILL/RELEASE REPORT

Initial Spill/Release Report Doc# 404518144

Initial Report Date: <u>01/26/2026</u>	Date of Discovery: <u>01/25/2026</u>	Spill Type: <u>Recent Spill</u>
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Spill/Release Point Location:

QTRQTR NWNE SEC 21 TWP 1S RNG 67W MERIDIAN 6

Latitude: 39.956832 Longitude: -104.892571

Municipality (if within municipal boundaries): No County: ADAMS

Enter Lat./long measurement of the actual Spill/Release Point. Lat./Long. Data shall meet standards of Rule 216.

Check this box if this spill/release is related to a loss of integrity of a flowline, pipeline, crude oil transfer line, or produced water transfer line.

Reference Location:

Facility Type: OIL AND GAS LOCATION Facility/Location ID No 443415

Spill/Release Point Name: Kortum Well API No. (Only if the reference facility is well) 05- -

No Existing Facility or Location ID No.

Estimated Total Spill Volume: use same ranges as others for values

Estimated Oil Spill Volume(bbl): >=1 and <5 Estimated Condensate Spill Volume(bbl): 0

Estimated Flow Back Fluid Spill Volume(bbl): 0 Estimated Produced Water Spill Volume(bbl): >0 and <1

Estimated Other E&P Waste Spill Volume(bbl): 0 Estimated Drilling Fluid Spill Volume(bbl): 0

Specify: _____

Has the subject Spill/Release been controlled at the time of reporting? Yes

Land Use:

Current Land Use: CROP LAND Other(Specify): _____

Weather Condition: 0 degrees, snow

Surface Owner: FEE Other(Specify): _____

Describe what is known about the spill/release event (what happened -- including how it was stopped, contained, and recovered):

A reportable release occurred on 1/25/2026 at the Kortum facility. Approximately 4 BBL of crude oil and produced water released from a ruptured weir nipple on a separator due to freezing temperatures. The release is controlled. Clean up and investigation operations are underway.

List of Agencies and Other Parties Notified Pursuant to Rule 912.b.(7)-(11):

OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency/Party</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Response</u>
1/26/2026	Surface Owner	N/A	--	Verbal Notice
1/26/2026	Adams County	Greg Dean	--	Email
1/26/2026	Adams County	Keith Huck	--	Email
1/26/2026	ECMC	Alex Ahmadian	--	Email

REPORT CRITERIA

Rule 912.b.(1) Report to the Director (select all criteria that apply):

No Rule 912.b.(1).A: A Spill or Release of any size that impacts or threatens to impact any Waters of the State, Public Water System, residence or occupied structure, livestock, wildlife, or publicly-maintained road.

Waters of the State: _____ Public Water System: _____

Residence or Occupied Structure: _____ Livestock: _____

Wildlife: _____ Publicly-Maintained Road: _____

Yes Rule 912.b.(1).B: A Spill or Release in which 1 barrel or more of E&P Waste or produced fluids is spilled or released outside of berms or other secondary containment.

No Rule 912.b.(1).C: A Spill or Release of 5 barrels or more of E&P Waste or produced Fluids regardless of whether the Spill or Release is completely contained within berms or other secondary containment.

No Rule 912.b.(1).D: Within 6 hours of discovery, a Grade 1 Gas Leak. For a Grade 1 Gas Leak from a Flowline, the Operator also must submit the Form 19 – Initial, document number on a Form 44, Flowline Report, for the Grade 1 Gas Leak

Enter the approximate time of discovery _____ (HH:MM)

Enter the Document Number of the Grade 1 Gas Leak Report, Form 44 _____

Was there a reportable accident associated with either a Grade 1 Gas Leak or an E&P waste spill or release? _____

Enter the Document Number of the Initial Accident Report, Form 22 _____

Was there damage during excavation? _____

Was CO 811 notified prior to excavation? _____

No Rule 912.b.(1).E: The discovery of 10 cubic yards or more of impacted material resulting from a current or historic Spill or Release. Discovery and reporting will not be contingent upon confirmation samples demonstrating exceedance of Table 915-1 standards.

Estimated Volume of Impacted Solids (cu. yd.): _____

No Rule 912.b.(1).F: The discovery of impacted Waters of the State, including Groundwater. Discovery and reporting will not be contingent upon confirmation samples demonstrating exceedance of Table 915-1 standards. The presence of free product or hydrocarbon sheen on Groundwater or surface water is reportable. The presence of contaminated soil in contact with Groundwater or surface water is reportable. Check all that apply:

The presence of free product or hydrocarbon sheen Surface Water

The presence of free product or hydrocarbon sheen on Groundwater

The presence of contaminated soil in contact with Groundwater

The presence of contaminated soil in contact with Surface water

No Rule 912.b.(1).G: A suspected or actual Spill or Release of any volume where the volume cannot be immediately determined, including a spill or release of any volume that daylight from the subsurface.

No Rule 912.b.(1).H: Spill or Release resulting in vaporized hydrocarbon mists that leave the Oil and Gas Location or Off-Location Flowline right of way from an Oil and Gas Location and impacts or threatens to impact off-location property.

Areas offsite of Oil & Gas Location Off-Location Flowline right of way

No Rule 912.b.(1).I: A Release of natural gas that results in an accumulation of soil gas or gas seeps.

No Rule 912.b.(1).J: A Release that results in natural gas in Groundwater.

SPILL/RELEASE DETAIL REPORTS

#1 Supplemental Report Date: 01/26/2026

FLUIDS	BBL's SPILLED	BBL's RECOVERED	Unknown
OIL	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONDENSATE	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRODUCED WATER	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DRILLING FLUID	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FLOW BACK FLUID	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER E&P WASTE	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>

specify: _____

Was spill/release completely contained within berms or secondary containment? NO Was an Emergency Pit constructed? NO

Secondary containment, including walls & floor regardless of construction material, must be sufficiently impervious to contain any discharge from primary containment until cleanup occurs.

A Form 15 Pit Report shall be submitted within 30 calendar days after the construction of an emergency pit

Impacted Media (Check all that apply) Soil Groundwater Surface Water Dry Drainage Feature

Surface Area Impacted: Length of Impact (feet): 41 Width of Impact (feet): 18

Depth of Impact (feet BGS): 2 Depth of Impact (inches BGS): _____

How was extent determined?

The vertical and horizontal extent of contamination will initially be determined via visual and olfactory observations as well as in field screening techniques using a photoionization device (PID) to measure volatile organic compounds. Excavation and soil sampling activities will be conducted to confirm the extent of impacts have been delineated. If production fluids come in contact with groundwater or surface water, Operator shall collect groundwater samples pursuant to Rule 913. (2). Soil and/or groundwater samples will be submitted to an accredited laboratory and analyzed for Full ECMC Table 915-1 constituents to ensure the removal of all impacted material.

Soil/Geology Description:

GP

Depth to Groundwater (feet BGS) 30 Number Water Wells within 1/2 mile radius: 1

If less than 1 mile, distance in feet to nearest Water Well 1687 None Surface Water 2074 None

Wetlands 1945 None Springs _____ None

Additional Spill Details Not Provided Above:

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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS#1 Supplemental Report Date: 01/26/2026Root Cause of Spill/Release Equipment Failure

Other (specify) _____

Type of Equipment at Point of Spill/Release: Vertical Separator

If "Other" selected above, specify or describe here:

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Describe Incident & Root Cause (include specific equipment and point of failure)

On 1/25/2026, the stainless steel line on the weir nipple of the Kortum separator froze and ruptured due to freezing weather. When the temperatures rose, the fluids thawed and the separator released approximately 8 barrels of crude oil on location.
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Describe measures taken to prevent the problem(s) from reoccurring:

In order to prevent this issue from reoccurring, PDC personnel inspected all other stainless steel lines for residual fluids and drained the lines if fluid was present where it should not be. Moreover, the failed line has been isolated and will be replaced with new material prior to returning the separator to service.

Volume of Soil Excavated (cubic yards): _____

Disposition of Excavated Soil (attach documentation) Offsite Disposal Onsite Treatment
 Other (specify) _____

Volume of Impacted Ground Water Removed (bbls): _____

Volume of Impacted Surface Water Removed (bbls): _____

REQUEST FOR CLOSURE**Spill/Release Reports should be closed when impacts have been remediated or when further investigation and corrective actions will take place under an approved Form 27.**

- Basis for Closure:
- Corrective Actions Completed (documentation attached, check all that apply)
- Horizontal and Vertical extents of impacts have been delineated.
- Documentation of compliance with Table 915-1 is attached.
- All E&P Waste has been properly treated or disposed.
- Work proceeding under an approved Form 27 (Rule 912.c).
Form 27 Remediation Project No: _____
- SUSPECTED Spill/Release did not occur or was below Rule 912.a.(5) reporting thresholds.

OPERATOR COMMENTS:

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I hereby certify all statements made in this form are to the best of my knowledge true, correct, and complete.

Signed: _____ Print Name: Michelle BartoszekTitle: HSE Advisor Date: 01/28/2026 Email: michelle.bartoszek@chevron.com

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