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Oil Conservation Division Responds to Reported Release at Navajo Lake *Inspection Finds No Evidence of Contaminants*

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department’s Oil Conservation Division together with Navajo Lake State Park Rangers, New Mexico State Police, the Department of Game and Fish and San Juan County Emergency Management today responded to investigate a reported release at Navajo Lake reported by Williams Production Co Llc, an integrated natural gas company.

The release is suspected to be a mixture of produced water and natural gas from an abandoned pipeline that runs beneath the lake. However, no evidence of environmental damage from the small release was found on the lake or the shore lines.

“I am happy to say that this release appears to have been relatively benign,” stated Cabinet Secretary Jon Goldstein. “However, we respond to every report aggressively to ensure the health of local citizens and our water resources remains protected. We will continue to work with Williams Production in the coming days to identify the source of the leak, plug it and make sure any damage is remediated.”

Williams Production Co Llc mobilized boats and has a clean-up crew on standby, along with Western Refining’s emergency containment crew. Williams and state officials are continuing with their investigation.

Photos from the investigation attached below:













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The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department provides resource protection and renewable energy resource development services to the public and other state agencies.

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