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TO: Jim Griswold, NMOCD

FROM: Curtis Shuck, Chairman

DATE: July 24, 2023

RE: O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 (30-005-60815) Orphan Well Post-Plugging Methane Monitoring

## **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM**

Well Done New Mexico LLC and the Well Done Foundation, Inc. (WDF) performing contract professional services methane monitoring for the State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department – Oil Conservation Division (OCD) under Purchase Order #52100-0000073985 for Orphan Oil & Gas Wells in Chaves County, NM.

The site conditions found at the O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 by the WDF Measure 1 Field Team on March 18, 2023, revealed a cement filled casing, cutoff to -2'-0" below the surface. The WDF Measure 1Team took site photographs, performed field gas measurements and collected a gas sample for immediate laboratory analysis.

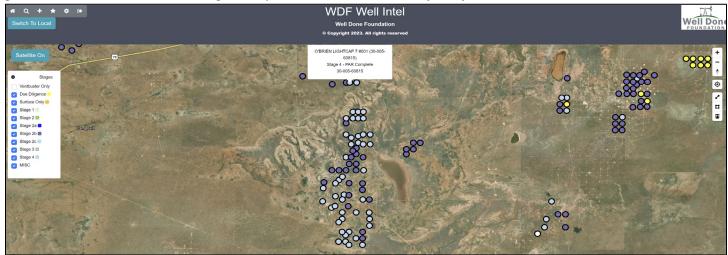


Image 1.1 - O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 (30-005-60815) Orphan Well in Chaves County, NM

The Pre-Plugging Methane Flow Calculations were based on the O'Brien Field Averaging Analysis conducted by the Well Done Foundation and Well Done New Mexico LLC and monitored using Ventbuster™ Instruments VB100-45 Series Ultra-Low Flow Meter with GPS on December 17, 2022. The Methane Concentration was measured at 0.00 ppm and Methane Flow was measured at 0.24 cfd. Therefore, the adjusted average methane gas emission measured at this wellhead is calculated at **0.00 grams per hour (g/hour)**. ¹

The State of New Mexico used the methane flow data collected by WDF to prioritize the O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 orphan well plugging under the IIJA Program and began mobilizing a contractor to location. J A Drake Well Service, Inc. of Farmington, NM was awarded the plugging contract.

WDF arrived at the O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 location on March 20, 2023, to perform post-plugging orphan well methane testing and sampling on behalf of the State of New Mexico. WDF post plugging field gas tests revealed 0.00% of methane or H2s gasses. The post plugging collected gas samples, analyzed by Laboratory Services, Inc. confirmed 0.00 ppm or methane gas and 0.00 ppm of H2s gas. THEREFORE, the total Methane Gas Emissions Reduction is: 0.00 g/hour.

<sup>•</sup> ¹ Methane Calculation: 717 grams CH4 per cubic meter (717 x 0.00 m3/day = 0.0 g/day total /24 = 0.00 g/hour x 0.00000 (methane concentration) = **0.00** g/hour CH4). Methane, gas weighs 0.000717 gram per cubic centimeter or 0.717 kilogram per cubic meter, i.e. density of methane, gas is equal to 0.717 kg/m³; at 0°C (32°F or 273.15K) at standard atmospheric pressure. In Imperial or US customary measurement system, the density is equal to 0.044 pound per cubic foot [lb/ft³].



## Test Report

Start Date: Sat Dec 17 2022 21:48:23 GMT+0000 (Coordinated Universal Time) End Date: Sun Dec 18 2022 22:55:58 GMT+0000 (Coordinated Universal Time) Device: V8100-0045 Well Licensee: NMOCD

Well Name: OBrian Lightcap 7 001 UWI: 30-005-60815 Well License Number: 30-005-60815 Surface Location: Chaves County Bottom Hole Location: unknown Test Operator: ces Authorized By: NMOCD Test Reason: IIJA PRE PLUG Scope Of Work: 12-Hour AFE Number: 52100-072998 GPS: 33.63356,-104.03172 Notes: GTG Prepared By: Curtis Shuck

## Flow / Pressure Test

Flow Duration 25 hrs 6 minutes

Duration

Average Flowrate 0.2448

Average Pressure 0.4063 psig

Average Flow Temperature 40.3283

Average CH4 Mass 0.00 g/hr

**Methane Calculation:** 717 grams CH4 per cubic meter (717 g/m $^3$  x 0.0069 m $^3$ /day = 4.95 g/day total /24 = 0.21 g/hour x 0 (methane concentration) = **0.00** g/hour CH4). **Methane, gas** weighs 0.000717 gram per cubic centimeter or 0.717 kilgram per cubic meter, i.e. density of methane, gas is equal to 0.717 kg/m $^3$ ; at 0°C (32°F or 273.15K) at standard atmospheric pressure. In imperial or US customary measurement system, the density is equal to 0.0448 pound per cubic foot [lb/ft $^3$ ], or 0.0004144 ounce per cubic inch [oz/inch $^3$ ].

# Flow / Pressure / Temperature Timeseries

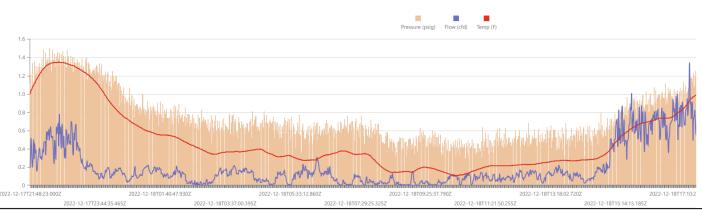


Image 2.1 - O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 Pre Plugging Test Report

This orphan well did not exceed the >1 g/hour federal program reporting requirements for methane emissions reductions as described in Section 40601 (Orphaned well site plugging, remediation, and restoration) of Title V (Methane Reduction Infrastructure) of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL; Public Law 117-58)<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These April 11, 2022 Guidelines were developed to meet the federal program reporting requirements for methane emissions reductions as described in Section 40601 (Orphaned well site plugging, remediation, and restoration) of Title V (Methane Reduction Infrastructure) of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL; Public Law 117-58).

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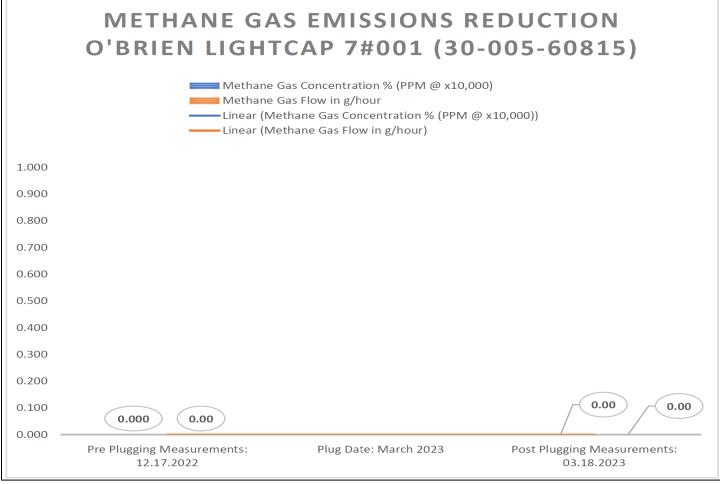


Image 3.1 - O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 (30-005-60815) Methane Gas Emissions Reduction Pre Plugging to Post Plugging

### **TECHNICAL FINDINGS**

O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 (30-005-60815):

- Total C1 through C6 Gas Concentration: 3,680 ppm
- Total Measured Wellhead Gas Emissions: <0.00 m3/day</li>
- Methane Gas Concentration: 0.00 ppm
- Calculated Average Wellhead Methane Gas Emissions: 0.00 g/hour
- Post Plugging Methane Gas Concentration: 0.00 ppm
- Post Plugging Methane Flow: 0.00 g/hour

## **CONCLUSIONS**

- The O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 (30-005-60815) was not emitting Methane gas pre-plugging during the cope of this test, which is below the Federal minimum threshold for reporting described in Section 40601 (Orphaned well site plugging, remediation, and restoration) of Title V (Methane Reduction Infrastructure) of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL; Public Law 117-58) which is >1g/hour.
- Post Plugging, the O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 (30-005-60815) presented 0.00 ppm of Methane gas emissions from field gas tests and laboratory analysis of WDF collected gas samples.

#	Date	Note
1	2023-03-18	ces: WDF Measure 1 on location to perform post plugging methane measurements. Field gas analysis produced a non detect for methane. Collect gas sample for Laboratory analysis. Place ribbon at cemented well casing and take photos. WILDCAT OUT!
2	2022-12-18	FV: Pulled gas sample. Rig down VB100-045, Leave Dorothy up on location until her next move.
3	2022-12-17	ces: Rig up VB100-045 using Dorothy for the open hole Methane Measurement. Took site photos, measured Field Gas (ND) and started Methane Flow Test and will collect Laboratory Gas Sample on 2/18/2022.

Image 4.1 – O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 (30-005-60815) Field Notes from WDF Well Intel™ Orphan Well Project Management IoT



1) O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 - Field Gas

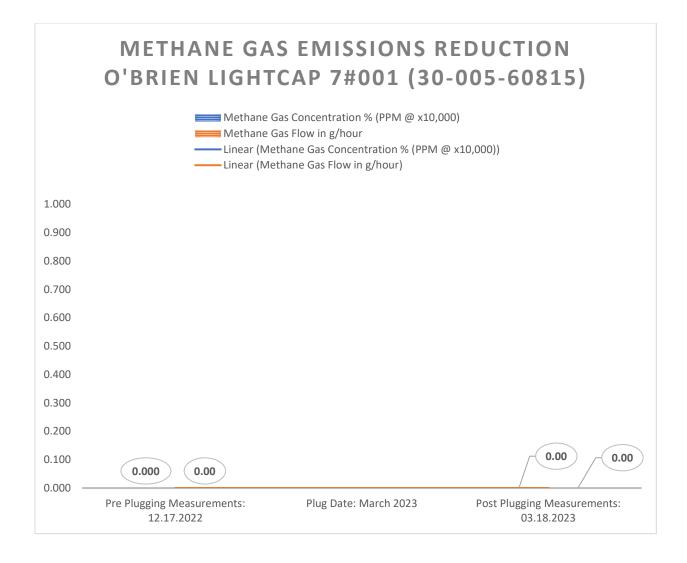




3) O'Brien Lightcap 7 #001 - Green Ribbon



16406G		OBrien Lightcap 7 #1				OBrien Lightcap 7 #1	
Sample Point Cod	e	Sample Point Name				Sample Point	Location
Laborator	y Services	2023066041		Tedlar Bag	(	CES - Spot	
Source L	aboratory	Lab File No		Container Identity		Sampler	
USA		USA		USA	N	New Mexico	
District		Area Name		Field Name		Facility Name	
Mar 18, 202	23 17:30	Mar 18, 2023 17:30		Mar 24, 1	Mar 24, 2023 08:51 Mar 24, 2023		4, 2023
Date San	npled	Date Effective		Date Received		Date Reported	
		Luis					
Ambient Temp (°F)	Flow Rate (Mcf)	Analyst		Press PSI @ Temp °F Source Conditions			
Well Done F	oundation	_		_		NG	
Opera	ator				Lab So	ource Descriptio	n
Component	Normalized Mol %	Un-Normalized Mol %	GPM	Gross 14.696 PSI @ 60	S Heating Values (F	Real, BTU/ft³	
H2S (H2S)	0.0000	0		Dry	Saturated 51.6	Dry <b>51.7</b>	Saturated 51.7
Nitrogen (N2)	98.8700	98.87059		51.6			
CO2 (CO2)	0.0510	0.0512		Calculated Total Sample Properties  GPA2145-16 *Calculated at Contract Conditions  Relative Density Real  0.9892  0.9892			
Methane (C1)	0.0000	0				•	
Ethane (C2)	0.0400	0.03964	0.0110	0.9892 Molecular We	eight	0.98	192
Propane (C3)	0.0400	0.03977	0.0110	28.651	5		
I-Butane (IC4)	0.0000	0	0.0000	C6+ Group Properties  Assumed Composition			
N-Butane (NC4)	0.0360	0.03616	0.0110	C6 - 60.000%	C7 - 30.000%		- 10.000%
I-Pentane (IC5)	0.0260	0.02565	0.0100		Field H2S		
N-Pentane (NC5)	0.0490	0.04911	0.0180	]	0 PPM		
Hexanes Plus (C6+)	0.8880	0.88787	0.3850	PROTREND STATUS:		DATA SOUI	RCE.
TOTAL	100.0000	100.0000	0.4460	Passed By Validator	on Mar 27, 2023	Imported	NOL.
Method(s): Gas C6+ - GPA 2261, E	xtended Gas - GPA 2286, Calcu	lations - GPA 2172		PASSED BY VALIDATOR First sample taken @		sition looks r	reasonable
	Analyzer Inform	ation		VALIDATOR:			
l ''		ce Make: Shimadz		Brooke Rush  VALIDATOR COMMENT	s.		
Device Model: GC-2014	l Last	Cal Date: Feb 13, 2	2023	OK OK	<b></b>		
Source	Date	Notes					
Brooke Rush Ma	ar 27, 2023 2:45 pm	Methane = 0 PPM					



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Action 243647

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Operator:	OGRID:
CANYON E & P COMPANY	269864
251 O'Connor Ridge Blvd.	Action Number:
Irving, TX 75038	243647
	Action Type:
	[UF-OMA] Post-Plug Methane Monitoring (UF-OMA-MMB)

#### **DEFINITIONS**

The Orphan Well Mitigation Activity (OMA) forms are a subset of the OCD's forms exclusively designed for activities related to State of New Mexico's contracted plugging and reclamation activities. Specifically, these forms are used for orphan wells or associated facilities which are in a "Reclamation Fund Approved" status. This status represents wells or facilities where the OCD has acquired a hearing order allowing the OCD to perform plugging or reclamation on wells and associated facilities that no longer have a viable operator to perform the necessary work. These forms are not to be utilized for any other purpose.

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#### QUESTIONS

Prerequisites		
[OGRID] Well Operator	[269864] CANYON E & P COMPANY	
[API] Well Name and Number	[30-005-60815] O'BRIEN LIGHTCAP 7 #001	
Well Status	Plugged (not released)	

Monitoring Event Information		
Please answer all the questions in this group.		
Reason For Filing	Post-Plug Methane Monitoring	
Date of monitoring	03/18/2023	
Latitude	33.6336784	
Longitude	-104.0316315	

Monitoring Event Details		
Please answer all the questions in this group.		
Flow rate in cubic meters per day (m³/day)	0.00	
Test duration in hours (hr)	1.0	
Average flow temperature in degrees Celsius (°C)	9.8	
Average gauge flow pressure in kilopascals (kPag)	0.0	
Methane concentration in part per million (ppm)	0	
Methane emission rate in grams per hour (g/hr)	0.00	
Testing Method	Other	

	Monitoring Contractor		
Please answer all the questions in this group.			
	Name of monitoring contractor	Well Done New Mexico LLC	