Termination of H2S-65 Salt Creek Midstream, LLC

From: <u>Harris, Joan</u>
To: <u>Barr, Leigh, EMNRD</u>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Salt Creek Midstream H2S Contingency Plan Termination

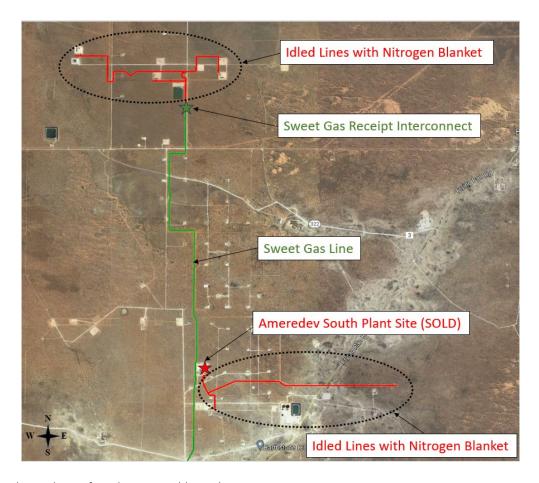
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Leigh

The sour gas gathering lines that were directly connected to production were disconnected when the Ameredev South Plant was taken out of service in 2020. Those lines, located both north and sour of the Plant, were disconnected, purged, and idled with a nitrogen blanket. Salt Creek has no plans to place these lines back into sour gas service. Although we plan to divest these lines, they have not been sold to Northwinds Midstream Partners, LLC.

The 16" diameter gathering line that had previously transported sour gas from the northern gathering lines to the Ameredev South Plant has been disconnected from the northern gathering lines and the Plant site, and has been converted to sweet gas service. That pipeline no longer receives supply directly from production; that line now flows with sweet gas received through a pipeline interconnect with Pinon. It is still owned by Salt Creek Midstream, LLC and is operated by our affiliate SCM Operations, LLC. That line transports sweet gas from NM to TX and is part of our sweet gas gathering system.



Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 2:54 PM **To:** Harris, Joan < joan.harris@scmid.com >

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Salt Creek Midstream H2S Contingency Plan Termination

Joan,

I wanted to confirm that the gathering lines from the production wells to the Ameredev South Gas Processing Plant are no longer your assets. Is this correct? Were they sold to Northwind Midstream Partners, LLC?

Thank you for the clarification.

Take Care,

Leigh Barr ● Supervisor – Administrative Permitting Program EMNRD - Oil Conservation Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive | Santa Fe, NM 87505 505.795.1722 | LeighP.Barr@emnrd.nm.gov

From: Harris, Joan <<u>joan.harris@scmid.com</u>>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:48 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Salt Creek Midstream H2S Contingency Plan Termination

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Dear Ms. Barr,

Salt Creek Midstream, LLC (Salt Creek) is hereby requesting the termination of the Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Contingency Plan associated with Salt Creek's Ameredev South Plant and Ameredev North Plant in Lea County, NM. Salt Creek had previously filed to temporarily suspend the plan, which was approved by the OCD on February 4, 2022.

To date, the only constructed and operating facility included in the plan is the Ameredev South Plant. Notably, the Ameredev North Plant, also described in the plan, was never constructed and Salt Creek has no plans to construct that facility.

The Ameredev South Plant was taken out of service the week of February 24, 2020, and was never returned to service. Salt Creek has recently sold the plant to Northwind Midstream Partners, LLC. (Northwind) effective June 16, 2023 and the operatorship of the Acid Gas Injection Well (AGI #3) planned for the Ameredev South Plant was transferred to Northwind via an approved C-145 effective August 17, 2023.

For these reasons, Salt Creek is requesting the termination of the referenced H2S Contingency Plan.

Please find Salt Creek's termination request, OCD Approval of the Temporary Suspension, and OCD Approved Operator Transfer (C-145) in the attached termination packet.

If you have any questions concerning this request, or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (713) 515-6916, or at <u>Joan.Harris@SCmid.com</u>.



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February 4, 2022

Mr. David White Geolex, Inc® 500 Marquette Avenue, NW, Suite 1350 Albuquerque, NM 87102

RE: Salt Creek Midstream (SCM), Ameredev South Plant and Ameredev North Plant Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Contingency Plan (H₂S-65): Request for Temporary Suspension

Dear Mr. White:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request letter, dated November 10, 2021. In this correspondence, SCM requested a temporary suspension of the associated reporting, training, and mock activation (drill) responsibilities of the H₂S Contingency Plan for the Ameredev South and North Plants. OCD understands the Ameredev South Plant has been taken out of service and that all equipment has been purged and isolated from pipeline connection; therefore, there is no potential for H₂S being released from the facility. Furthermore, OCD understands the Ameredev North Plant has yet to be constructed.

Pursuant to the exemption requirements of 19.15.11.15 NMAC, OCD grants the request for a temporary suspension of the associated reporting, training, and the drill responsibilities outlined in the H₂S Contingency Plan for these facilities until such time the Ameredev South Plant resumes operation and/or the Ameredev North Plant undergoes construction. Please note, all other activities and/or processes covered by the H₂S Contingency Plan such as gathering pipelines, wells, etc., must continue to meet the associated requirements of the H₂S Contingency Plan.

As described in your request letter, prior to any resumption of sour-gas processing operations at the Ameredev South Plant, SCM will consult and coordinate with OCD technical staff at least 60-days prior to the resumption to pursue re-instatement of this facility into the H₂S Contingency Plan. During this coordination, the plan will be re-assessed to confirm adequacy, based on the anticipated facility operating conditions, and any necessary revisions to the contingency plan will be completed. Additionally, if SCM and/or OCD identifies potentially impacted parties (including new parties identified at the time of plan revision), local officials and agencies will be notified of SCM's intent to resume sour-gas operations at the facility. If applicable, SCM will provide to all interested parties a revised version of the H₂S Contingency Plan that incorporates necessary modifications identified and implemented by OCD and SCM personnel.

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Sincerely,

Adrienne Sandoval

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