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TO: Randy Pancheco, APWS; Jim Griswold, NMOCD

FROM: Curtis Shuck, Chairman

DATE: December 12, 2022

RE: Twin Lakes San Andres (TLSA) #041 (30-005-60768) Orphan Well Pre-Plugging Methane Monitoring

### TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

The Well Done Foundation, Inc. (WDF) performing contract professional services methane monitoring for A-Plus Well Services, Inc. (APWS) for the State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department – Oil Conservation Division (OCD) under Purchase Order #52100-0000072362 for Orphan Oil & Gas Wells in Chaves County, NM.

The site conditions found at TLSA #041 by the WDF Measure 1 Team on August 22, 2022, at 2:22 P.M. revealed a leaking wellhead with high concentrations of methane gas present and leaking by the production valve at the 2-3/8" tubing and from the 4" casing. The WDF Team performed field gas measurements, collected gas samples and performed a 25.2-hour Methane Emissions Flow Monitoring Test using Ventbuster™ Instruments VB100-021 Ultra-Low Flow Meter with GPS for site location verification.

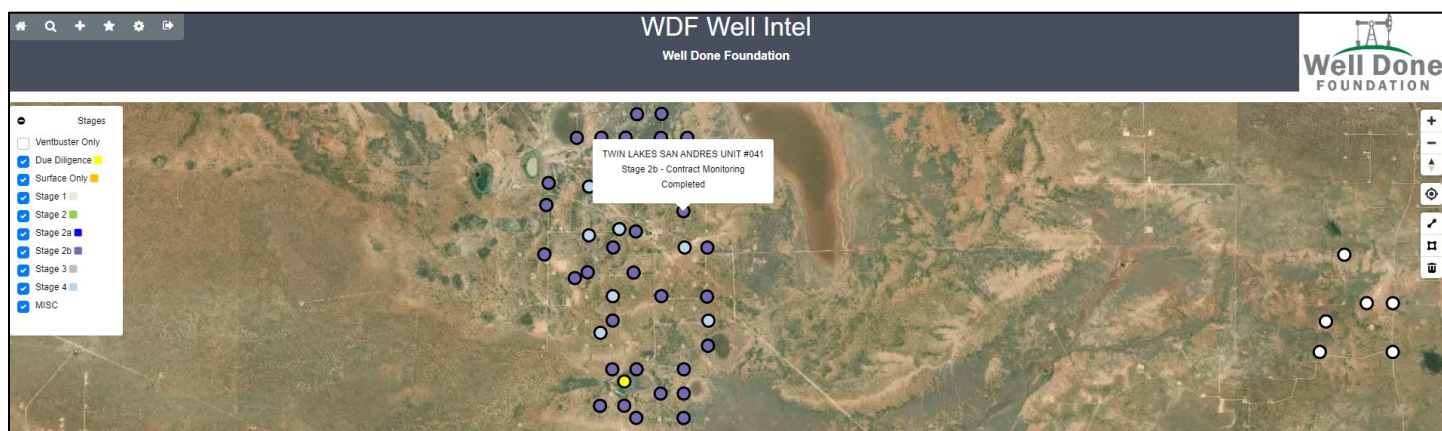


Image 1.1 – TLSA #041 (30-005-60768) Chaves County, New Mexico

The findings from the Pre-Plugging Methane Flow Monitoring Test, using Ventbuster™ Instruments VB100-021 Ultra-Low Flow Meter with GPS, resulted in 0.01 cubic meters per day (m<sup>3</sup>/day) of total measured wellhead emissions over the 25.2-hour period that established an average methane flow rate of 0.01 grams per hour (g/hour). WDF then isolated a 3.4-hour interval measurement within Test ID: 323332b8, taken during normalized flow, that resulted in an average methane flow rate of 0.57 m<sup>3</sup>/d and 0.02 g/hour. A composite gas sample was collected at the wellhead by WDF during the methane flow test beginning on August 22, 2022, and at the end of the methane flow test on August 23, 2022, approximately 25.2-hours later. Methane gas concentration levels were measured at 1,680 ppm, pursuant to Test ID 2022057483 performed by Laboratory Services of Hobbs, NM on August 31, 2022, at 12:47 P.M. Therefore, the average methane gas emission measured at this wellhead is calculated at **0.01 grams per hour (g/hour)**.<sup>1</sup> The peak methane gas emission was recorded at 3:04 P.M. on August 23, 2022, well after the flow had stabilized, and would indicate that this orphan well has a higher

<sup>1</sup> Methane Calculation: 554 grams CH<sub>4</sub> per cubic meter (554 x 0.01 = 5.54 g/day total /24 = 0.23 g/hour x 0.01680 (methane concentration) = **0.01 g/hour CH<sub>4</sub>**). **Methane, gas** weighs 0.000554 gram per cubic centimeter or 0.554 kilogram per cubic meter, i.e. density of methane, gas is equal to 0.554 kg/m<sup>3</sup>; at 0°C (32°F or 273.15K) at standard atmospheric pressure. In Imperial or US customary measurement system, the density is equal to 0.0346 pound per cubic foot [lb/ft<sup>3</sup>], or 0.0003202 ounce per cubic inch [oz/inch<sup>3</sup>].

emission rate potential of 0.02 grams per hour (g/hour) however, still below of 1.00 grams per hour (g/hour) reporting threshold.

This orphan well does 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>.



## Test Report

**Start Date:** Monday, August 22nd, 2022, 2:20 PM MDT

**End Date:** Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022, 3:34 PM MDT

**Device:** VB100-0021

**Well Licensee:** NMOCD

**Well Name:** sTwin Lakes SA 41

**UWI:** 30-005-60768

**Well License Number:** 30-005-60768

**Surface Location:** private

**Bottom Hole Location:** unknown

**Test Operator:** SOS

**Authorized By:** NMOCD

**Test Reason:** IJJA PRE PLUG

**Scope Of Work:** 12 Hour Text

**AFE Number:** NMOCD/038AA/APWS22.001

**GPS:** 33.57372,-104.02368

**Notes:** GTG

## Flow Test

Average Flowrate

**0.34**

m3/d

**0.01**

g/ hour

Average Flow  
Temperature

**24.6**

°C

Average Flow  
Pressure

**-0.5**

kPag

Flow Duration

**25.2**

hours

Image 2.1 – TLSA #041 (30-005-60768) Methane Monitoring Dashboard

## BACKGROUND

The Twin Lakes San Andres #041 (30-005-60768) Orphan Well is located in Chaves County, NM at Latitude 33.57378457870619, Longitude -104.02367811394792 was measured and monitored by the WDF Field Team on 8/22-23/2022 following a Safety Briefing. Per the WDF protocol, the GPS coordinates were updated and the well was photographed from four (4) compass point aspects and closeups capturing the wellhead, field gas analysis results and gas sampling and uploaded to the WDF Well Intel™ IoT site. A Field Gas Analysis was conducted to detect Methane and H2s gas presence and concentration levels using a Honeywell BW Quattro Multi Gas Meter, serial number: QA121-012211.

<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).

Well Done FOUNDATION Well Site

Info	Well File	Images	Well Data	Regulatory	Field Notes	Live Data View	Access	Remove Well
Name	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #041							
Stage	Stage 2b - Contract Monitoring Completed							
GPS	33.57378457870619 ✓				-104.02367811394792 ✓			
API#	30-005-60768							
Contract ID:	52100-072362 / APWS22.001							

Image 3.1 – WDF Well Intel™ Orphan Well Project Management IoT

The WDF Field Team collected Gas Sample #1 and #2 using a 1 Liter Tedlar/TO-Plus Gas Sampling Bag from the casing vent which was flowing gas past the broken off valve and at the casing port at the beginning of the Flow Test at approximately 5:08 P.M MDT on 8.23.2022 as the well was being prepared for the Preliminary Flow Measurement. Gas Sample #2 was collected in the same 1 Liter Tedlar Bag on 8.24.2022 before the Preliminary Flow Test was concluded 12:50 P.M. MDT. The collected Gas Sample was secured and placed in a storage cooler for transport to Laboratory Services, Inc. in Hobbs, NM.

WDF rigged up the Ventbuster™ Instruments VB100-021 Continuous Ultra-Low Flow Meter with GPS for testing site confirmation for a minimum 12-Hour Methane Emission Test and began Test ID: 2bc6c5cc, verifying a cellular signal, cloud link and GPS coordinates on August 23, 2022.

WDF returned to location on 8.24.2022 (approximately 25.2-hours) to conclude the Pre-Plugging Methane Emission Flow Test and rig the VB100-021 down and secure the wellhead. A “Green Ribbon” was placed at the Wellhead indicating that WDF had concluded the Pre-Plugging Methane Flow testing.

## TECHNICAL FINDINGS

Twin Lakes San Andres #041 (30-005-60768):

- **Total C1 through C6 Gas Concentration: 8,920 ppm**
- **Total Measured Wellhead Gas Emissions: 0.01 m3/day**
- **Methane Gas Concentration: 1,680 ppm**
- **Calculated Wellhead Emissions: 0.01 g/hour**
- **Peak Methane Flow Measured at: 0.02 g/hour**

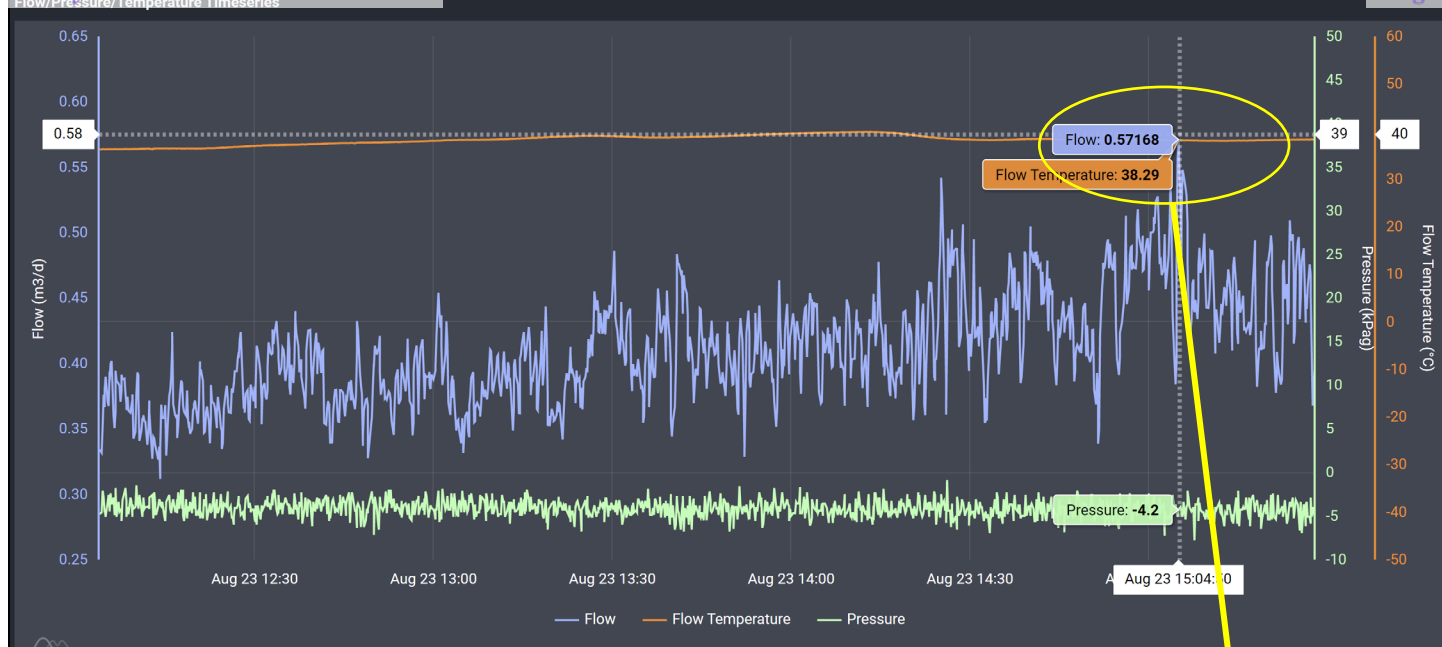


Image 4.1 – TLSA #041 (30-005-60768) Methane Flow/Pressure/Temperature Timeseries & Peak Flow at Interval #1 testing period of 3.4-hours.

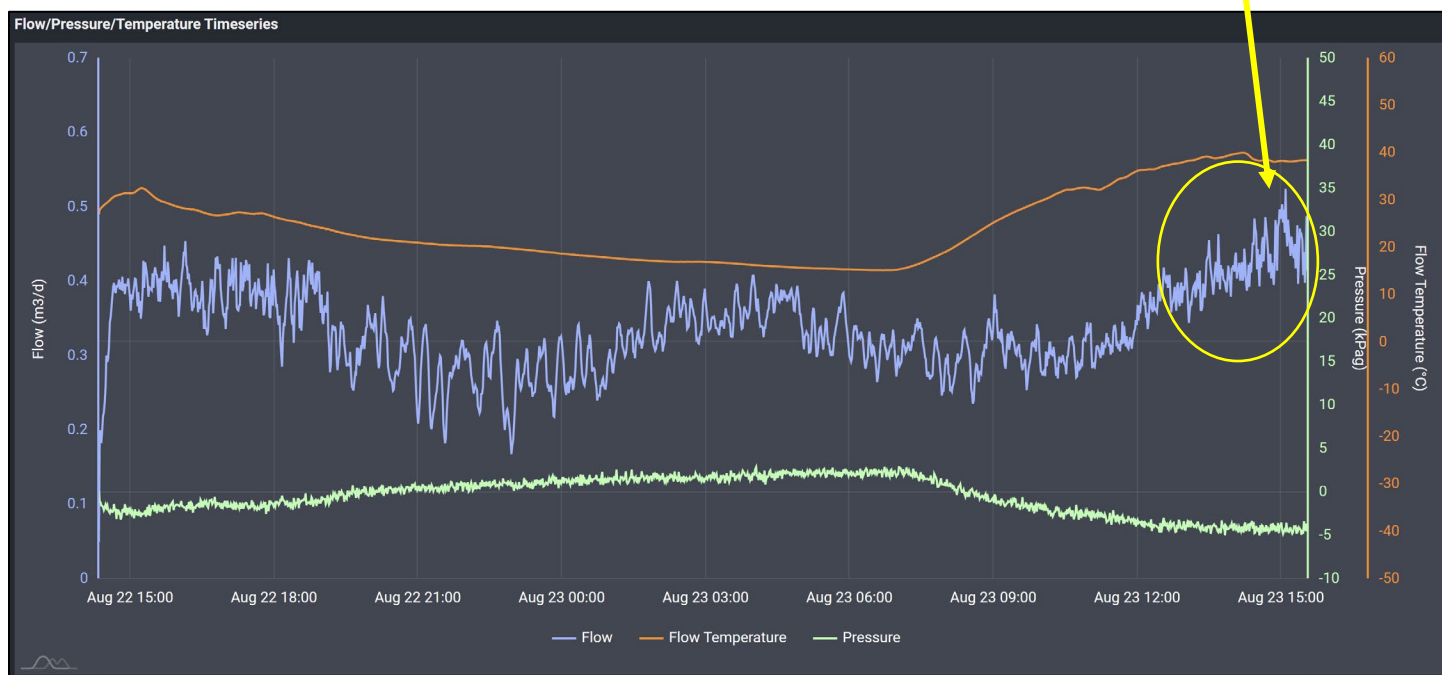


Image 4.2 – TLSA #041 (30-005-60768) Methane Flow/Pressure/Temperature Timeseries & Peak Flow for entire testing period or 25.2-hours.

CONCLUSIONS

- The Twin Lakes San Andres #041 (30-005-60768) is currently emitting trace amounts of Methane at the average rate of 0.01 g/hour, 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.
- WDF did capture a Methane Flow Peak at 0.02 g/hour recorded at 3:04 P.M on August 23, 2022, which indicates a higher potential for Methane Emissions that could exceed the Federal minimum threshold, therefore plugging of this well however should be a priority in the NMOCD schedule.

FIELD NOTES

#	Date	Note
1	2022-08-22	ces: Rig up VB100-021 and pull Gas Sample.
2	2022-08-23	ces: Arrive at TLSA #041 Location. Pull gas sample #2. Rig down VB100-021. Update GPS coordinates. Secure location. Place green ribbon at wellhead. WILDCAT OUT!

Image 5.1 – TLSA #041 (30-005-60) Field Notes from WDF Well Intel™ Orphan Well Project Management IoT

Appendix A – Site Photos for Twin Lakes San Andres #041 (30-005-60768)





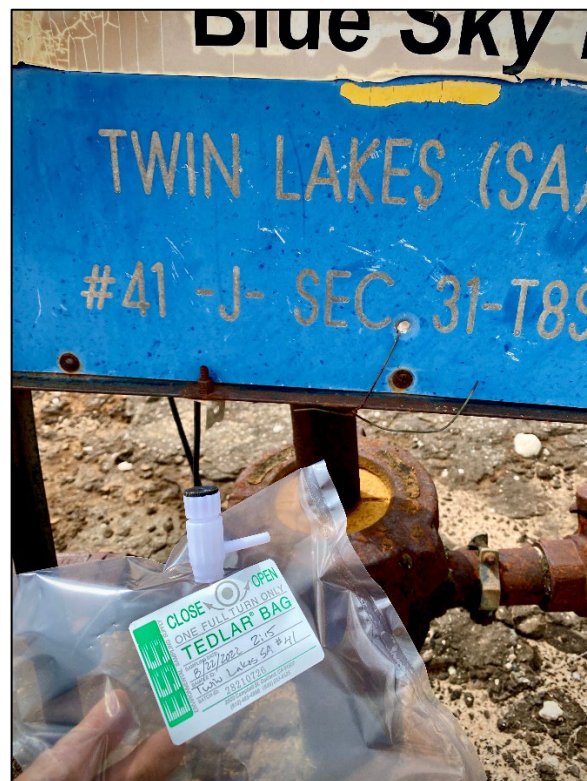
1) TLSA #041 (30-005-60768) – North Facing



2) TLSA #041 (30-005-60768) – East Facing



3) TLSA #041 (30-005-60768) – Field Gas



#### 4) TLSA #041 (30-005-60768) – Gas Sample



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## C6+ Gas Analysis Report

14792G	Twin Lakes SA #41	Twin Lakes SA #41
Sample Point Code	Sample Point Name	Sample Point Location
Laboratory Services	2022057483	Tedlar Bag
Source Laboratory	Lab File No	Container Identity
USA	USA	USA
District	Area Name	Field Name
Aug 22, 2022 14:15	Aug 22, 2022 14:15	Aug 30, 2022 08:33
Date Sampled	Date Effective	Date Received
System Administrator		
Ambient Temp (°F)	Flow Rate (Mcf)	Analyst
		Press PSI @ Temp °F Source Conditions
Well Done Foundation		NG
Operator		Lab Source Description

Component	Mol %	GPM
H2S (H2S)	0.0000	
Nitrogen (N2)	99.0600	
CO2 (CO2)	0.0480	
Methane (C1)	0.1680	
Ethane (C2)	0.1360	0.0360
Propane (C3)	0.1050	0.0290
I-Butane (IC4)	0.0120	0.0040
N-Butane (NC4)	0.0530	0.0170
I-Pentane (IC5)	0.0380	0.0140
N-Pentane (NC5)	0.0600	0.0220
Hexanes Plus (C6+)	0.3200	0.1390
TOTAL	100.0000	0.2610

Method(s): Gas C6+ - GPA 2261, Extended Gas - GPA 2286, Calculations - GPA 2172

Gross Heating Values (Real, BTU/ft³)			
14.696 PSI @ 60.00 Å°F		14.73 PSI @ 60.00 Å°F	
Dry	Saturated	Dry	Saturated
29.3	29.7	29.4	29.8

Calculated Total Sample Properties	
GPA2145-16 *Calculated at Contract Conditions	
Relative Density Real	Relative Density Ideal
0.9766	0.9767
Molecular Weight	
28.2920	

C6+ Group Properties		
Assumed Composition		
C6 - 60.000%	C7 - 30.000%	C8 - 10.000%

Field H2S
0 PPM

**PROTREND STATUS:**

Passed By Validator on Aug 31, 2022

**DATA SOURCE:**

Imported

**PASSED BY VALIDATOR REASON:**

First sample taken @ this point, composition looks reasonable

**VALIDATOR:**

Brooke Rush

**VALIDATOR COMMENTS:**

OK

Source	Date	Notes
Brooke Rush	Aug 31, 2022 12:47 pm	Methane= 1,680 ppm

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DEFINITIONS

Action 295411

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Operator:  BLUE SKY NM, INC. 7941 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77024	OGRID:  300825
	Action Number:  295411
	Action Type:  [UF-OMA] Pre-Plug Methane Monitoring (UF-OMA-MMA)

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**

<b>Prerequisites</b>	
[OGRID] Well Operator	[300825] BLUE SKY NM, INC.
[API] Well Name and Number	[30-005-60768] TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #041
Well Status	Plugged (not released)

**Monitoring Event Information**

Please answer all the questions in this group.

Reason For Filing	Pre-Plug Methane Monitoring
Date of monitoring	08/22/2022
Latitude	33.57372
Longitude	-104.02368

**Monitoring Event Details**

Please answer all the questions in this group.

Flow rate in cubic meters per day (m³/day)	0.34
Test duration in hours (hr)	25.2
Average flow temperature in degrees Celsius (°C)	24.6
Average gauge flow pressure in kilopascals (kPag)	0.0
Methane concentration in part per million (ppm)	1,680
Methane emission rate in grams per hour (g/hr)	0.01
Testing Method	Steady State

**Monitoring Contractor**

Please answer all the questions in this group.

Name of monitoring contractor	Well Done New Mexico LLC
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