

# Certificate of Analysis

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June 28, 2021

Field: Sand Dunes Sampled By: Javier Lazo Station Name: Sand Dunes CTB Train 3 Production Sample Of: Gas Spot Station Number: 17009P

Sample Date: 06/24/2021 12:27 Station Location: СТВ Sample Conditions: 90 psia, @ 105 °F Ambient: 100 °F

06/24/2021 12:27 Sample Point: Meter Effective Date: GPA-2261M Formation: Monthly Method: County: Eddy Cylinder No: 1111-002295

Type of Sample: : Spot-Cylinder Instrument: 70104124 (Inficon GC-MicroFusion)

Heat Trace Used: N/A Last Inst. Cal.: 05/18/2021 0:00 AM

Sampling Method: : Fill and Purge Analyzed: 06/25/2021 13:45:45 by KNF

Sampling Company: : SPL

## **Analytical Data**

Components	Un-normalized Mol %	Mol. %	Wt. %	GPM at 14.65 psia	
Hydrogen Sulfide	NIL	NIL	NIL		
Nitrogen	1.770	1.78383	2.131		
Carbon Dioxide	1.321	1.33170	2.500		
Methane	72.953	73.52731	50.313		
Ethane	11.168	11.25608	14.436	3.007	
Propane	6.184	6.23236	11.722	1.715	
Iso-Butane	0.769	0.77545	1.922	0.253	
n-Butane	1.954	1.96948	4.882	0.620	
Iso-Pentane	0.551	0.55564	1.710	0.203	
n-Pentane	0.641	0.64574	1.987	0.234	
Hexanes	0.546	0.55030	2.023	0.226	
Heptanes	0.675	0.68001	2.906	0.313	
Octanes	0.527	0.53084	2.586	0.272	
Nonanes Plus	0.160	0.16126	0.882	0.091	
	99.219	100.00000	100.000	6.934	
Calculated Physical P	roperties	Total		C9+	
Calculated Molecular W	Veight	23.45		128.26	
Compressibility Factor		0.9955			
Relative Density Real C		0.8129	l	4.4283	
GPA 2172 Calculation	= ='				
Calculated Gross BTU	J per ft³ @ 14.65 ps	sia & 60°F			
Real Gas Dry BTU		1346.1		6974.4	
Water Sat. Gas Base B	_	1323.2		6852.4	
Ideal, Gross HV - Dry a	t 14.65 psia	1340.1		6974.4	
Ideal, Gross HV - Wet		1316.6	<b>i</b>	6852.4	
Comments: H2S Field	d Content 0 ppm				

Mcf/day 3116

Data reviewed by: Eric Ramirez, Analyst

Quality Assurance: The above analyses are performed in accordance with ASTM, UOP, GPA guidelines for quality

assurance, unless otherwise stated.

#### **UPSET FLARING EVENT SPECIFIC JUSTIFICATIONS FORM**

Facility: Sand Dunes South Corridor CTB Flare Date: 11/13/2021

**Duration of event:** 39 Minutes **MCF Flared:** 349

Start Time: 08:23 AM End Time: 09:02 AM

**Cause:** Downstream Activity Issue > Enterprise > Facility Emergency Shutdown

Method of Flared Gas Measurement: Gas Flare Meter

Well API Associated with Facility: 30-015-44526 Nimitz MDP1 12 Federal Com #001H

**Comments:** This upset event was not caused by any wells associated with the facility. The emissions event was caused by the unforeseen, unexpected, sudden, and unavoidable interruption, restriction or complete shut-in of a gas pipeline by a third-party pipeline operator, which impacted Oxy's ability to send gas to a third-party gas pipeline.

## 1. Reason why this event was beyond Operator's control:

The emissions event was caused by the unforeseen, unexpected, sudden, and unavoidable interruption, restriction or complete shut-in of a gas pipeline by a third-party pipeline operator, which impacted Oxy's ability to send gas to a third-party gas pipeline. This interruption, restriction or complete shut-in of the gas pipeline by a third-party pipeline operator is downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and out of Oxy's control to avoid or prevent from happening and did not stem from any of Oxy's upstream facility activity that could have been foreseen and avoided, and could not have been avoided by good design, operation, and preventative maintenance practices.

In this case, third-party pipeline operator, Enterprise, had an emergency shutdown of their downstream Sand Dunes Central station facility, which was caused by problems with their own compression equipment, which in turn, prompted an immediate shutdown their facility. This sudden and unexpected Enterprise facility shutdown greatly impacted the gas flow from Oxy's upstream facility by causing Enterprise's ESD valve to immediately close and shut-in gas pipeline services. This in turn, triggered a flaring event at Oxy's upstream facility as Oxy was unable to push its gas to Enterprise's gas service pipeline. Until Enterprise 's downstream facility was back up and returned to normal working operation and was able to handle the volume of gas sent to them, Oxy was forced to route stranded gas to a flare, as it was not able to push all its gas into Enterprise's gas pipeline. Upon immediate flaring at Oxy's Sand Dunes South Corridor CTB, Oxy personnel immediately contacted Enterprise to determine cause. No advance warning of any kind was provided to Oxy personnel from Enterprise personnel regarding issues with their gas service system pipeline or issues with their downstream facility.

### 2. Steps Taken to limit duration and magnitude of venting or flaring:

It is OXY's policy to route all stranded gas to a flare during an unforeseen and unavoidable emergency or malfunction, that is beyond Oxy's control to avoid, prevent or foresee, to minimize emissions as much as possible as part of the overall steps taken to limit duration and magnitude of flaring. The flare at this facility has a 98% combustion efficiency in order to lessen emissions as much as possible. In this case, third-party pipeline operator, Enterprise, had an emergency shutdown of their downstream Sand Dunes Central station facility,

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#### 3. Corrective Actions taken to eliminate the cause and reoccurrence of venting or flaring:

Oxy is limited in its corrective actions to eliminate the cause and potential reoccurrence of an Enterprise gas flow pipeline restriction or shut in, as this control issue is downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and out of Oxy's control to avoid or prevent from happening or reoccurring. Enterprise 's downstream facility issues will re-occur from time to time, which in turn, directly impacts Oxy's ability to send gas to them. When Enterprise downstream facility and/or its facility equipment has issues or greatly struggles to handle the volume of gas being sent to them by Oxy, Enterprise then restricts or cuts off Oxy's ability to send gas, which then prompts Oxy to route its stranded gas not pushed into the Enterprise gas pipeline, to flare. OXY makes every effort to control and minimize emissions as much as possible during these circumstances. The limited actions that Oxy can do in this circumstance is to shut in multiple high GOR wells and engage in secondary third-party operator offload alternative routes to minimize flaring volumes during these third-party pipeline operator downstream activity restrictions and/or shut ins.

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# **State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Oil Conservation Division** 1220 S. St Francis Dr. **Santa Fe, NM 87505**

QUESTIONS

Action 64112

#### **QUESTIONS**

	SECTIONS		
Operator:	OGRID:		
OXY USA INC P.O. Box 4294	16696 Action Number:		
Houston, TX 772104294	64112		
	Action Type:		
	[C-129] Venting and/or Flaring (C-129)		
QUESTIONS			
Prerequisites			
Any messages presented in this section, will prevent submission of this application. Please resolve	these issues before continuing with the rest of the questions.		
Incident Well	Not answered.		
Incident Facility	[fAPP2127048458] Sand Dunes South Corridor CTB		
Determination of Reporting Requirements			
Answer all questions that apply. The Reason(s) statements are calculated based on your answers at			
Was or is this venting and/or flaring caused by an emergency or malfunction	Yes		
Did or will this venting and/or flaring last eight hours or more cumulatively within any 24-hour period from a single event	No		
Is this considered a submission for a venting and/or flaring event	Yes, minor venting and/or flaring of natural gas.		
An operator shall file a form C-141 instead of a form C-129 for a release that, includes liquid during v	venting and/or flaring that is or may be a major or minor release under 19.15.29.7 NMAC.		
Was there or will there be at least 50 MCF of natural gas vented and/or flared during this event	Yes		
Did this venting and/or flaring result in the release of <b>ANY</b> liquids (not fully and/or			
completely flared) that reached (or has a chance of reaching) the ground, a	No		
surface, a watercourse, or otherwise, with reasonable probability, endanger public health, the environment or fresh water			
Was the venting and/or flaring within an incorporated municipal boundary or			
withing 300 feet from an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital,	No		
institution or church in existence			
Equipment layer and			
Equipment Involved	T		
Primary Equipment Involved	Other (Specify)		
Additional details for Equipment Involved. Please specify	Emergency Flare > Downstream Activity Issue > Enterprise > Facility Emergency Shutdown		
Description Comments and Associated Street Street Associated Street Str			
Representative Compositional Analysis of Vented or Flared Natural Gas			
Please provide the mole percent for the percentage questions in this group.	71		
Methane (CH4) percentage	74		
Nitrogen (N2) percentage, if greater than one percent	2		
Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) PPM, rounded up	0		
Carbon Dioxide (C02) percentage, if greater than one percent	1		
Oxygen (02) percentage, if greater than one percent	0		
If you are venting and/or flaring because of Pipeline Specification, please provide the required specification.	cifications for each gas.		
Methane (CH4) percentage quality requirement	Not answered.		
Nitrogen (N2) percentage quality requirement	Not answered.		
Hydrogen Sufide (H2S) PPM quality requirement	Not answered.		
Carbon Dioxide (C02) percentage quality requirement	Not answered.		
Oxygen (02) percentage quality requirement	Not answered.		
Date(s) and Time(s)			
Date venting and/or flaring was discovered or commenced	11/13/2021		
Time venting and/or flaring was discovered or commenced	08:23 AM		
Time venting and/or flaring was terminated	09:02 AM		

Not answered.

Measured or Estimated Volume of Vented or Flared Natural Gas

Cumulative hours during this event

Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details

Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details		Cause: Other   Other (Specify)   Natural Gas Flared   Released: 349 Mcf   Recovered: 0 Mcf   Lost: 349 Mcf ]	
	Other Released Details	Not answered.	
	Additional details for Measured or Estimated Volume(s). Please specify	Gas Flare Meter	
	Is this a gas only submission (i.e. only significant Mcf values reported)	Yes, according to supplied volumes this appears to be a "gas only" report.	

Venting or Flaring Resulting from Downstream Activity	or Flaring Resulting from Downstream Activity				
Was or is this venting and/or flaring a result of downstream activity	Yes				
Was notification of downstream activity received by you or your operator	No				
Downstream OGRID that should have notified you or your operator	[713731] Enterprise Crude Pipeline LLC				
Date notified of downstream activity requiring this venting and/or flaring	Not answered.				
Time notified of downstream activity requiring this venting and/or flaring	Not answered.				

Steps and Actions to Prevent Waste		
For this event, the operator could not have reasonably anticipated the current event and it was beyond the operator's control.	True	
Please explain reason for why this event was beyond your operator's control	In this case, third-party pipeline operator, Enterprise, had an emergency shutdown of their downstream Sand Dunes Central station facility, which was caused by problems with their own compression equipment, which in turn, prompted an immediate shutdown their facility. This sudden and unexpected Enterprise facility shutdown greatly impacted the gas flow from Oxy's upstream facility by causing Enterprise's ESD valve to immediately close and shut-in gas pipeline services. This in turn, triggered a flaring event at Oxy's upstream facility as Oxy was unable to push its gas to Enterprise's gas service pipeline. Until Enterprise 's downstream facility was back up and returned to normal working operation and was able to handle the volume of gas sent to them, Oxy was forced to route stranded gas to a flare, as it was not able to push all its gas into Enterprise's gas pipeline. Upon immediate flaring at Oxy's Sand Dunes South Corridor CTB, Oxy personnel immediately contacted Enterprise to determine cause. No advance warning of any kind was provided to Oxy personnel from Enterprise personnel regarding issues with their gas service system pipeline or issues with their downstream facility.	
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Houston, TX 772104294	64112
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	[C-129] Venting and/or Flaring (C-129)

#### CONDITIONS

Created By	Condition	Condition Date
marialuna2	If the information provided in this report requires an amendment, submit a [C-129] Amend Venting and/or Flaring Incident (C-129A), utilizing your incident number from this event.	11/30/2021