



## Certificate of Analysis

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July 24, 2023

Field:	Sand Dunes	Sampled By:	JE
Station Name:	Sand Dunes CTB Test 1	Sample Of:	Gas Spot
Station Number:	17001T	Sample Date:	07/19/2023
Station Location:	CTB	Sample Conditions:	77 psig, @ 87 °F Ambient: 85 °F
Sample Point:	Meter	Effective Date:	07/19/2023
Formation:	Monthly	Method:	GPA-2261M
County:	Eddy	Cylinder No:	1111-002607
Well Name:	NMSE	Instrument:	70104251 (Inficon GC-MicroFusion)
Type of Sample:	Spot-Cylinder	Last Inst. Cal.:	07/24/2023 0:00 AM
Heat Trace Used:	N/A	Analyzed:	07/24/2023 08:34:36 by EBH
Sampling Method:	Fill and Purge	Flow Rate mcf/d:	
Sampling Company:	OXY		

## Analytical Data

Components	Un-normalized Mol %	Mol. %	Wt. %	GPM at 14.65 psia
Hydrogen Sulfide	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Nitrogen	1.4882	1.4947	1.7465	
Carbon Dioxide	10.3615	10.4066	19.1036	
Methane	68.8679	69.1676	46.2844	
Ethane	9.9704	10.0138	12.5597	2.673
Propane	5.0670	5.0891	9.3605	1.400
Iso-Butane	0.6216	0.6243	1.5135	0.204
n-Butane	1.6006	1.6076	3.8974	0.506
Iso-Pentane	0.4157	0.4175	1.2565	0.152
n-Pentane	0.4592	0.4612	1.3880	0.167
Hexanes	0.3414	0.3429	1.2326	0.141
Heptanes	0.2475	0.2486	1.0391	0.115
Octanes	0.0960	0.0964	0.4593	0.049
Nonanes Plus	0.0296	0.0297	0.1589	0.017
	99.5666	100.0000	100.0000	5.424

Calculated Physical Properties	Total	C9+
Calculated Molecular Weight	23.97	128.26
Compressibility Factor	0.9960	
Relative Density Real Gas	0.8307	4.4283

**GPA 2172 Calculation:****Calculated Gross BTU per ft<sup>3</sup> @ 14.65 psia & 60°F**

Real Gas Dry BTU	1150.9	6974.4
Water Sat. Gas Base BTU	1131.2	6852.4
Ideal, Gross HV - Dry at 14.65 psia	1146.3	6974.4
Ideal, Gross HV - Wet	1126.2	6852.4

**Comments:** H2S Field Content 0 ppm

Hydrocarbon Laboratory Manager

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**Flare Date:** 08/09/2023**Duration of event:** 1 Hour 12 Minutes**MCF Flared:** 733**Start Time:** 08:30 PM**End Time:** 09:42 PM**Cause:** Emergency Flare > Third Party Downstream Activity > Enterprise > Central Station > Emergency Shutdown**Method of Flared Gas Measurement:** Gas Flare Meter**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 compressor station operator, which impacted Oxy's ability to send gas to them. This interruption, restriction or complete shut-in of the gas pipeline by a third-party pipeline compression station operator is downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and out of Oxy's control to foresee, 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, Enterprise, third party downstream operator, had issues with a faulty gas detection sensor on their end, which caused an unplanned emergency shutdown of their Central Station and resulted in their inability to take gas, which in turn caused high line pressure to occur, which then prompted the field to pressure up automatically and trigger a flaring event to occur. This event could not have been foreseen, avoided or prevented from happening as this event occurred with little to no advance notice or warning.

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

It is OXY's policy to route its 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 to lessen emissions as much as possible. In this case, Enterprise, third party downstream operator, had issues with a faulty gas detection sensor on their end, which caused an unplanned emergency shutdown of their Central Station and resulted in their inability to take gas, which in turn caused high line pressure to occur, which then prompted the field to pressure up automatically and trigger a flaring event to occur. This event could not have been foreseen, avoided or prevented from happening as this event occurred with little to no advance notice or warning. As soon as flaring was triggered, field personnel engaged in Oxy's third party pipeline operation curtailment reactive stratagems and assisted with ensuring field area's mitigation optimizers cut injection rates to wells in the field to reduce injection and sales gas across the area. In addition, several high GOR wells, across the Sand Dunes routes, were shut-in to assist with reducing field pressure so that it would stay below the flare trigger setpoints of the facility. This event is out of OXY's control, yet OXY made every effort to control and minimize emissions as much as possible.

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

Oxy is unable to take any corrective actions to eliminate the cause and potential reoccurrence of a downstream third-party owned and operated gas plants and/or associated downstream facility issues, as this is downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and out of Oxy's control to foresee, avoid, prevent from happening or reoccur. Enterprise will have issues which may reoccur from time to time and may trigger a spike in the gas line pressure, which in turn, directly impacts Oxy's ability to send gas to them. When Enterprise's facilities and/or gas plants has equipment issues or greatly struggles to handle the volume of gas being sent to them by Oxy, Enterprise then restricts Oxy's ability to send gas, which then prompts Oxy to route all 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. The only actions that Oxy can take and handle that is within its control, is to continually communicate with Enterprise personnel, who own and operate the sales gas pipeline, when possible, during these types of circumstances.

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	Action Number:  257551
	Action Type:  [C-129] Amend Venting and/or Flaring (C-129A)

**DEFINITIONS**

For the sake of brevity and completeness, please allow for the following in all groups of questions and for the rest of this application:

- this application's operator, hereinafter "this operator";
- venting and/or flaring, hereinafter "vent or flare";
- any notification or report(s) of the C-129 form family, hereinafter "any C-129 forms";
- the statements in (and/or attached to) this, hereinafter "the statements in this";
- and the past tense will be used in lieu of mixed past/present tense questions and statements.

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**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 Operator	[16696] OXY USA INC
Incident Type	Flare
Incident Status	Closure Not Approved
Incident Well	Unavailable.
Incident Facility	[fAPP2127048458] Sand Dunes South Corridor CTB

*Only valid Vent, Flare or Vent with Flaring incidents (selected above in the Application Details section) that are assigned to your current operator can be amended with this C-129A application.***Determination of Reporting Requirements***Answer all questions that apply. The Reason(s) statements are calculated based on your answers and may provide additional guidance.*

Was this vent or flare caused by an emergency or malfunction	Yes
Did this vent or flare last eight hours or more cumulatively within any 24-hour period from a single event	No
Is this considered a submission for a vent or flare event	Yes, major venting and/or flaring of natural gas.
<i>An operator shall file a form C-141 instead of a form C-129 for a release that, includes liquid during venting and/or flaring that is or may be a major or minor release under 19.15.29.7 NMAC.</i>	
Was there at least 50 MCF of natural gas vented and/or flared during this event	Yes
Did this vent or flare result in the release of ANY liquids (not fully and/or completely flared) that reached (or has a chance of reaching) the ground, a surface, a watercourse, or otherwise, with reasonable probability, endanger public health, the environment or fresh water	No
Was the vent or flare within an incorporated municipal boundary or within 300 feet from an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church in existence	No

**Equipment Involved**

Primary Equipment Involved	Other (Specify)
Additional details for Equipment Involved. Please specify	Emergency Flare > Third Party Downstream Activity > Enterprise > Central Station > Emergency Shutdown

**Representative Compositional Analysis of Vented or Flared Natural Gas***Please provide the mole percent for the percentage questions in this group.*

Methane (CH4) percentage	69
Nitrogen (N2) percentage, if greater than one percent	1
Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) PPM, rounded up	0
Carbon Dioxide (CO2) percentage, if greater than one percent	10
Oxygen (O2) percentage, if greater than one percent	0

*If you are venting and/or flaring because of Pipeline Specification, please provide the required specifications for each gas.*

Methane (CH4) percentage quality requirement	Not answered.
Nitrogen (N2) percentage quality requirement	Not answered.
Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) PPM quality requirement	Not answered.
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<b>Date(s) and Time(s)</b>	
Date vent or flare was discovered or commenced	08/09/2023
Time vent or flare was discovered or commenced	08:30 PM
Time vent or flare was terminated	09:42 PM
Cumulative hours during this event	1

<b>Measured or Estimated Volume of Vented or Flared Natural Gas</b>	
Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details	<i>Not answered.</i>
Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details	Cause: Other   Other (Specify)   Natural Gas Flared   Released: 733 Mcf   Recovered: 0 Mcf   Lost: 733 Mcf.
Other Released Details	<i>Not answered.</i>
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.

<b>Venting or Flaring Resulting from Downstream Activity</b>	
Was this vent or flare a result of downstream activity	Yes
Was notification of downstream activity received by this operator	No
Downstream OGRID that should have notified this operator	[713731] Enterprise Crude Pipeline LLC
Date notified of downstream activity requiring this vent or flare	
Time notified of downstream activity requiring this vent or flare	<i>Not answered.</i>

<b>Steps and Actions to Prevent Waste</b>	
For this event, this operator could not have reasonably anticipated the current event and it was beyond this operator's control	True
Please explain reason for why this event was beyond this 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 compressor station operator, which impacted Oxy's ability to send gas to them. This interruption, restriction or complete shut-in of the gas pipeline by a third-party pipeline compression station operator is downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and out of Oxy's control to foresee, 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, Enterprise, third party downstream operator, had issues with a faulty gas detection sensor on their end, which caused an unplanned emergency shutdown of their Central Station and resulted in their inability to take gas, which in turn caused high line pressure to occur, which then prompted the field to pressure up automatically and trigger a flaring event to occur. This event could not have been foreseen, avoided or prevented from happening as this event occurred with little to no advance notice or warning.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that with this application I will be amending an existing incident file (assigned to this operator) for a vent or flare event, pursuant to 19.15.27 and 19.15.28 NMAC.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that amending an incident file does not replace original submitted application(s) or information and understand that any C-129 forms submitted to the OCD will be logged and stored as public record.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I hereby certify the statements in this amending report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and acknowledge that any false statement may be subject to civil and criminal penalties under the Oil and Gas Act.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that the acceptance of any C-129 forms by the OCD does not relieve this operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate, report, and remediate contamination that poses a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health, or the environment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that OCD acceptance of any C-129 forms does not relieve this operator of responsibility for compliance with any other applicable federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
marialuna2	If the information provided in this report requires further amendment(s), submit a [C-129] Amend Venting and/or Flaring Incident (C-129A), utilizing your incident number from this event.	8/24/2023