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Attention Mr. Les A. Clements, Supervisor and Oil & Gas Inspector

EMCjr Corp - Spitfire "19" #1 well  
Eddy County, New Mexico


Gentlemen:

The Earle M. Craig Jr. Corporation ("Craig") Spitfire "19" #1 in Section 19, T-26-S, R-31-E, has a bottom-hole pressure of 10,125 psi. With 10,000# working-pressure tree, Craig's Manager of Drilling and Production is apprehensive about the pressure buildup. Craig does not anticipate a pipeline hookup for at least another thirty (30) days due to necessity for "tap" by El Paso Natural Gas Company and Right-Of-Way from Bureau of Land Management.

The Craig - Spitfire "19" #1 well is comparable to the Bass Poker Lake Unit #50 in Section 4, T-25-S, R-31-E, which had a bottom-hole pressure of 9,400 psi. Bass had a 10,000# tree, but was hesitant to shut-in the well. After acidizing, the well "blew out" and flowed gas into the atmosphere for several days. An emergency pipeline hookup was obtained upon application.

The risk that the Craig well could "blow out" is believed to warrant an emergency pipeline hookup. Please consider the situation and respond to the address and telephone number above shown.

Yours truly,

  
Steven R. Foy  
Landman

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