

# Volumetrics US Inc.

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Company:	OXY USA INC	Work Order	4000230136
Field/Location :	NMSW	Sampled by:	VOLUMETRICS/JA
Station Name :	FEDERAL 1-1	Sample Type :	SPOT-CYLINDER
Station Number :	2300150020	Sample Temperature (F):	50
Sample Date:	3/2/21 8:01 AM	Sample Pressure (PSIG):	60
Analysis Date:	3/23/21 1:43 PM	Flow rate (MCF/Day):	30.8
Instrument:	VARIAN CP 490 GC	Ambient Temperature (F):	41
Calibration/Verification Date:	3/23/2021	Sampling method:	FILL & EMPTY
Heat Trace used:	YES	Cylinder Number:	1095

### NATURAL GAS ANALYSIS: GPA 2261

Components	Un-Normalized Mol%	Normalized Mol%	GPM 14.650	GPM 14.730	GPM 15.025
Hydrogen Sulfide	0.0000	0.0000			
Nitrogen	5.6205	5.7973			
Methane	63.0422	65.0250			
Carbon Dioxide	0.0798	0.0823			
Ethane	14.1343	14.5789	3.893	3.915	3.993
Propane	9.8799	10.1907	2.804	2.819	2.875
Isobutane	0.9613	0.9915	0.324	0.326	0.332
N-butane	2.0318	2.0957	0.660	0.663	0.677
Isopentane	0.3760	0.3878	0.142	0.142	0.145
N-Pentane	0.3170	0.3270	0.118	0.119	0.121
Hexanes Plus	0.5078	0.5238	0.228	0.230	0.234
Total	96.9506	100.0000			

Hexanes plus split (60%-30%-10%)

Physical Properties (Calculated)	14.650 psia	14.730 psia	15.025 psia
Total GPM Ethane+	8.169	8.214	8.378
Total GPM Iso-Pentane+	0.488	0.491	0.501
Compressibility (Z)	0.9957	0.9957	0.9956
Specific Gravity (Air=1) @ 60 °F	0.8238	0.8239	0.8239
Molecular Weight	23.767	23.767	23.767
Gross Heating Value	14.650 psia	14.730 psia	15.025 psia
Dry, Real (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1328.8	1336.1	1363.0
Wet, Real (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1305.7	1312.9	1339.3
Dry, Ideal (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1323.1	1330.3	1357.0
Wet, Ideal (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1300.1	1307.2	1333.4

Temperature base 60 °F Comment:

FIELD H2S = 0 PPM

## Verified by Approved by Mostaq Ahammad Petroleum Chemist

Deann Friend

Deann Friend Laboratory Manager

# **UPSET FLARING EVENT SPECIFIC JUSTIFICATIONS FORM**

Facility: Federal 1-1 CTB

Duration of event: 2 Hours

Intermittent Flaring Times: 02:00 AM to 04:00 AM

Cause: Downstream Activity > DCP > High Line Pressure

Method of Flared Gas Measurement: Gas Flare Meter 68873

Well API Associated with Facility: 30-015-26843 Federal 1 #004

**Comments:** This upset event was not caused by any wells associated with the facility. This emissions event was caused by the unforeseen, unexpected, sudden, and unavoidable issue that was beyond the owner/operator's control, and did not stem from activity that could have been foreseen and avoided, and could not have been avoided by good design, operation, and preventative maintenance practices.

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

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, there were multiple instances of high line pressure spikes in DCP's gas system pipeline, which impacted Oxy's ability to fully send gas to them as they were unable to handle the volume of gas loads sent to them. DCP's facility/equipment issues are downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and control, yet greatly impacted the volume of gas flow from Oxy's upstream facility to their gas pipeline. DCP having recurring spikes in high line pressure in their gas sales service system pipeline, caused several brief instances of flaring at Oxy's upstream facility in a two-hour period, as it was not able to push the full volume of gas into DCP's gas service pipeline due to the restrictions and/or constraints on their gas sales service at various times. No advance warning was provided to Oxy personnel by DCP personnel regarding high line pressures issues with their gas service system pipeline.

The Federal 1-1 CTB flare is a gas gathering flare system for multiple tank batteries across Oxy's defined Lost Tank area. Oxy made every effort to shut in as much of production/wells as possible, yet it was absolutely critical to Oxy's operational safety and start up procedures to allow some production to occur at this facility, as it was necessary to maintain a minimal amount of gas flow to restart the facility's compression equipment, specifically the gas lift compressors, across the Lost Tank area, when DCP was ready and able to start taking gas. The minimal amount of gas flow allowed to be produced and flare was done out of necessity to protect personnel and equipment as a safeguard against potential issues that could occur when restarting production across the Lost Tank area.

Flare Date: 10/27/2021

MCF Flared: 234

## 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. In this case, there were multiple instances of high line pressure spikes in DCP's gas system pipeline, which impacted Oxy's ability to fully send gas to them as they were unable to handle the volume of gas loads sent to them. DCP's facility/equipment issues are downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and control, yet greatly impacted the volume of gas flow from Oxy's upstream facility to their gas pipeline. DCP having recurring spikes in high line pressure in their gas sales service system pipeline, caused several brief instances of flaring at Oxy's upstream facility in a two-hour period, as it was not able to push the full volume of gas into DCP's gas service pipeline due to the restrictions and/or constraints on their gas sales service at various times. No advance warning was provided to Oxy personnel by DCP personnel regarding high line pressures issues with their gas service system pipeline.

This facility is unmanned, except when Oxy production techs are gathering data daily or conducting daily walkthroughs to ensure that there are no problems, circumstances and/or assist other personnel on-site for maintenance purposes. Subsequent flaring alarms received by the on-call Oxy production techs were resolved by contacting DCP personnel and being informed that they were having high line pressure spikes. On-call productions techs for the area, upon arrival at various locations, began shutting in the Lost Tank production area to minimize flare volumes.

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

Oxy cannot take any corrective actions to eliminate the cause and potential reoccurrence of a DCP gas service flow pipeline restriction or shut-in, due to high line pressure spikes in their gas system pipeline, 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. DCP's downstream facility issues will re-occur from time to time and may trigger a spike in their gas line pressure, which in turn, directly impacts Oxy's ability to send gas to them. When DCP's downstream facilities has equipment issues or greatly struggles to handle the volume of gas being sent to them by Oxy, DCP then restricts Oxy's ability to send gas, which then allows no other option but for Oxy to route its stranded gas not pushed into the DCP gas system 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 communicate frequently with DCP personnel during these types of situations and adjust its production and/or compression equipment until DCP resumes normal gas service operations.

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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

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QUESTIONS

Operator:	OGRID:	
OXY USA INC	16696	
P.O. Box 4294 Houston, TX 772104294	Action Number: 65099	
110031011, 1X 112104294	Action Type:	
	[C-129] Venting and/or Flaring (C-129)	
	[0 . <u>20</u> ]	
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	[fAPP2127059734] FEDERAL 01 BATTERY	
Determination of Reporting Requirements		
Answer all questions that apply. The Reason(s) statements are calculated based on your answers a	nd may provide addional guidance.	
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	No	
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 analysis shall fills a farma Q ddd instand af a farma Q d00 far a malanan dhah insluden linuid during u		
An operator shall file a form C-141 instead of a form C-129 for a release that, includes liquid during v	enung and/or hanng that is or may be a major or minor release under 19.15.29.7 MMAC.	
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		
surface, a watercourse, or otherwise, with reasonable probability, endanger public	No	
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 Involved	1	
Primary Equipment Involved	Other (Specify)	
Additional details for Equipment Involved. Please specify	Emergency Flare > Downstream Activity > DCP > High Line Pressure	
Representative Compositional Analysis of Vented or Flared Natural Gas		
Please provide the mole percent for the percentage questions in this group.	1	
Methane (CH4) percentage	65	

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Nitrogen (N2) percentage, if greater than one percent	6	
Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) PPM, rounded up	0	
Carbon Dioxide (C02) percentage, if greater than one percent	0	
Oxygen (02) 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 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	10/27/2021
Time venting and/or flaring was discovered or commenced	02:00 AM
Time venting and/or flaring was terminated	04:00 AM
Cumulative hours during this event	2

### Measured or Estimated Volume of Vented or Flared Natural Gas

Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details

Not answered.

# Received by OCD: 12/6/2021 11:09:24 AM

Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details	Cause: Other   Other (Specify)   Natural Gas Flared   Released: 234 Mcf   Recovered: 0 Mcf   Lost: 234 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	
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	[229153] DCP MIDSTREAM L.P.
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.

teps 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	See Justification Form> In this case, there were multiple instances of high line pressure spikes in DCP's gas system pipeline, which impacted Oxy's ability to fully send gas to them as they were unable to handle the volume of gas loads sent to them. DCP's facility/equipment issues are downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and control, yet greatly impacted the volume of gas flow from Oxy's upstream facility to their gas pipeline. DCP having recurring spikes in high line pressure in their gas sales service system pipeline, caused several brief instances of flaring at Oxy's upstream facility in a two-hour period, as it was not able to push the full volume of gas as service at various times. No advance warning was provided to Oxy personnel by DCP personnel regarding high line pressures issues with their gas service system pipeline.	
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OXY USA INC	16696
P.O. Box 4294	Action Number:
Houston, TX 772104294	65099
	Action Type:
	[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.	12/6/2021

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