

**Volumetrics US Inc.** 

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Company:OXY USA INCWork Order4000230136Field/Location:NMSWSampled by:VOLUMETRICS/JAStation Name:FEDERAL 1-1Sample 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

	<b>Un-Normalized</b>	Normalized	GPM	GPM	GPM
Components	Mol%	Mol%	14.650	14.730	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			

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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

Mostaq Ahammad Petroleum Chemist Approved by

Deann Friend

Deann Friend Laboratory Manager

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

Facility: Federal 1-4 Battery Flare Date: 03/23/2022

**Duration of event:** 10 Hours 20 Minutes **MCF Flared:** 734

Start Time: 08:00 AM End Time: 06:20 PM

Cause: Downstream Activity Issue > DCP > ZIA PLANT > Emergency Shut Down

Method of Flared Gas Measurement: Gas Flare Meter

**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 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, this was a sudden and reasonably unforeseeable incident outside of OXY's control, but that impacted OXY's upstream facility and triggered a sudden flaring event. DCP personnel contacted OXY personnel about their sudden and unforeseeable sales gas service system pipeline shut-in and no timeline was provided to Oxy as to when DCP's sales gas system pipeline services would be restored. DCP personnel informed OXY that the cause of the shut-in was due to their downstream facility, Zia Plant, was having issues and needed to shut down immediately for emergency repairs. OXY was in communication with DCP personnel throughout the unexpected shut-in outage until DCP's downstream facility issues were resolved, and they resumed normal working sales gas service system pipeline operations. All facility operations and equipment were working as designed prior to the sudden and without warning shut-in of DCP's sales gas service system pipeline to Oxy. Third-party pipeline operator, DCP, who owns and operates the sales gas service system pipeline, did not provide advance notice of the disruption to their sales gas service system pipeline due to unforeseen issues.

## 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, as the part of the overall process or steps to take to limit duration and magnitude of flaring. Oxy personnel are in the field 24/7 and can physically see when we are flaring, which in turn, are communicated to additional Oxy field personnel. Internal OXY procedures ensure that upon gas compressor unit and/or multiple unit shutdown, increased sensor line pressure alarms, etc., field production technician personnel are promptly notified, and are instructed to assess the issue as soon as possible to take prompt corrective action and minimize emissions. Oxy production technicians must assess whether the issue or circumstance is due to damage and repair is needed, or whether there are other reasons for its cause. This facility is unmanned,

except when Oxy production techs are gathering data daily or conducting daily walk-throughs to ensure that there are no problems, circumstances and/or assist other personnel on-site for maintenance purposes. In this case, this was a sudden and reasonably unforeseeable incident outside of OXY's control yet impacted OXY's upstream facility and triggered a sudden flaring event. DCP personnel contacted OXY personnel about their sudden and unforeseeable sales gas service system pipeline shut-in and no timeline was provided to Oxy as to when DCP's sales gas system pipeline services would be restored. DCP personnel informed OXY that the cause of the shut-in was due to their downstream facility, Zia Plant, was having issues and needed to shut down immediately for emergency repairs. In response to this sudden and unexpected flaring event, prompted by DCP's shut in, Oxy production techs, began procedures to cease flaring by shutting a little over 150+ wells, which took some time, as they are spread out widely and are comingled into this sales pipeline. All OXY operations and facility equipment were running at maximized optimization prior to the shutdown of DCP's downstream facility Zia Plant and their inability to take Oxy's volume of gas due to unforeseen issues and emergency repairs. This incident was completely out of Oxy's control to prevent from happening yet OXY made every effort to control and minimize emissions as much as possible during this event. Oxy field personnel remained within the area and continually monitored the flare until it ceased.

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

Oxy is limited in the corrective actions to eliminate the cause and potential reoccurrence of a DCP 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, prevent from happening or reoccurring. DCP and its downstream facilities, may have issues which will reoccur from time to time, such as a sudden and without warning complete shut-in and/or high line pressure spikes, which in turn, directly impacts Oxy's ability to send gas to them. When DCP has downstream activity 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 prompts Oxy to route its stranded gas not pushed into the DCP sales gas service system gas pipeline, to flare. OXY makes every effort to control and minimize emissions as much as possible. The limited actions that Oxy can do in this circumstance is to shut in multiple high GOR wells to cease flaring and communicate with DCP personnel during these types of situations.

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OXY USA INC	16696
P.O. Box 4294	Action Number:
Houston, TX 772104294	93854
	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	[30-015-26843] FEDERAL 1 #004		
Incident Facility	Not answered.		
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 an	nd may provide addional 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	Yes
Is this considered a submission for a vent or flare event	Yes, major 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 verbases that the state of the control	enting and/or flaring that is or may be a major or minor release under 19.15.29.7 NMAC.  Yes
Did this vent or flare 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 health, the	No
environment or fresh water	

Equipment Involved		
Primary Equipment Involved	Other (Specify)	
Additional details for Equipment Involved. Please specify	Emergency Flare > Downstream Activity Issue > DCP > ZIA PLANT > Emergency Shut Down	

Please provide the mole percent for the percentage questions in this group.		
Methane (CH4) percentage	65	
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.	

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### QUESTIONS

Date(s) and Time(s)		
Date vent or flare was discovered or commenced 03/23/2022		
Time vent or flare was discovered or commenced	08:00 AM	
Time vent or flare was terminated	06:20 PM	
Cumulative hours during this event	10	

Measured or Estimated Volume of Vented or Flared Natural Gas		
Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details	Not answered.	
Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details	Cause: Other   Other (Specify)   Natural Gas Flared   Released: 734 Mcf   Recovered: 0 Mcf   Lost: 734 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 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	[229527] DCP MIDSTREAM, L.P.	
Date notified of downstream activity requiring this vent or flare	Not answered.	
Time notified of downstream activity requiring this vent or flare	Not answered.	

Steps and Actions to Prevent Waste				
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	This 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, this was a sudden and reasonably unforeseeable incident outside of OXY's control, but that impacted OXY's upstream facility and triggered a sudden flaring event. DCP personnel contacted OXY personnel about their sudden and unforeseeable sales gas service system pipeline shut-in and no timeline was provided to Oxy as to when DCP's sales gas system pipeline services would be restored. DCP personnel informed OXY that the cause of the shut-in was due to their downstream facility, Zia Plant, was having issues and needed to shut down immediately for emergency repairs. OXY was in communication with DCP personnel throughout the unexpected shut-in outage until DCP's downstream facility issues were resolved, and they resumed normal working sales gas service system pipeline operations. All facility operations and equipment were working as designed prior to the sudden and without warning shut-in of DCP's sales gas service system pipeline to Oxy. Third-party pipeline operator, DCP, who owns and operates the sales gas service system pipeline, did not provide advance notice of the disruption to their sales gas service system pipeline due to unforeseen issues.			
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$\overline{\lor}$	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 19.15.27 and 19.15.27 and 19.15.28 are considered to the contract of the	
V	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.	
V	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.	
√²	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.	
V	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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#### CONDITIONS

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.	3/29/2022