

# Certificate of Analysis

Number: 6030-22020121-001A

**Artesia Laboratory** 200 E Main St. Artesia, NM 88210 Phone 575-746-3481

Feb. 09, 2022

Field: Mesa Verde Sampled By: **Scott Beasley** Mesa Verde BS 23H Sample Of: Station Name: Gas Spot Sample Date: Station Number: 15505t 02/04/2022 11:02

Station Location: CTB Sample Point: Meter run Formation: Spot County: Lea

Type of Sample: : Spot-Cylinder

Heat Trace Used: No

Sampling Method: : Fill and Purge

Sampling Company: : SPL

Sample Conditions: 106 psig, @ 55.7 °F Ambient: 29 °F

Effective Date: 02/04/2022 11:02 Method: GPA-2261M Cylinder No: 1111-002464

Instrument: 6030\_GC6 (Inficon GC-3000 Micro)

Last Inst. Cal.: 02/07/2022 0:00 AM

Analyzed: 02/09/2022 09:22:49 by ERG

## **Analytical Data**

Components	Un-normalized Mol %	Mol. %	Wt. %	GPM at 14.65 psia		
Hydrogen Sulfide	0.000	0.000	0.000		GPM TOTAL C2+	6.035
Nitrogen	1.435	1.452	1.880		GPM TOTAL C3+	2.792
Methane	74.507	75.388	55.894		GPM TOTAL iC5+	0.330
Carbon Dioxide	1.558	1.576	3.205	0.040		
Ethane	12.009	12.151	16.886	3.243		
Propane	6.155	6.228	12.692	1.712		
Iso-butane	0.725	0.734	1.972	0.240		
n-Butane	1.603	1.622	4.357	0.510		
Iso-pentane	0.274	0.277	0.924	0.101		
n-Pentane	0.278	0.281	0.937	0.102		
Hexanes Plus	0.288	0.291	1.253	0.127		
	98.832	100.000	100.000	6.035		
Calculated Physical	Properties	To	otal	C6+		
Relative Density Real	Gas	0.74	196	3.2176		
Calculated Molecular	Weight	21	.64	93.19		
Compressibility Factor	r	0.99	963			
<b>GPA 2172 Calculatio</b>	n:					
<b>Calculated Gross BT</b>	TU per ft <sup>3</sup> @ 14.65 ps	sia & 60°F				
Real Gas Dry BTU			248	5113		
Water Sat. Gas Base	BTU	12	227	5024		
Ideal, Gross HV - Dry	at 14.65 psia	124	3.3	5113.2		
Ideal, Gross HV - Wet	•	122	1.6	5023.7		
Net BTU Dry Gas - rea		11	132			
Net BTU Wet Gas - re	eal gas	11	113			
Comments: H2S Fie	-					

Mcf/day 2044

Hydrocarbon Laboratory Manager

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

assurance, unless otherwise stated.

Quality Assurance:

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

Facility: Mesa Verde 18 CTB Date: 05/28/2022

**Duration of event:** 5 Hours 51 minutes **MCF Flared:** 1014

Start Time: 04:00 PM End Time: 09:51 PM

Cause: Compression Equipment Malfunction > Leaking PRV > Emergency Facility Shutdown

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 breakdown of equipment or process 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 or prevented 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 breakdown of equipment or process 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 or prevented by good design, operation, and preventative maintenance practices. Internal OXY procedures ensure that upon air compressor unit and/or multiple unit shutdown, due to malfunction and/or alarms, production techs are promptly notified, and are instructed to assess the issue as soon as possible in order to take prompt corrective action and minimize emissions. In this case, the facility production tech received compressor alarms notifications indicating a malfunction over at Mesa Verde 18 CTB, which automatically shut the compression equipment down, which then triggered a flaring event. Upon arrival at the facility, and after inspecting the compression equipment, it was determined that a leaking pressure relief valve was causing the compression equipment to overheat, prompting the equipment's temperature sensor to rise to a level triggering a malfunction alarm and automatic shutdown. The facility's air compressors are designed to automatically shut down due to high internal/external temperature readings as an effective safety precaution in order to maintain a safe level of operation to avoid catastrophic damage to the equipment itself and when those temperature levels are above a designated safe zone level, the equipment's operating sensor will automatically shut the equipment down, which then affects other equipment at the facility. This event could not have been foreseen, avoided or planned for as typical air compressor operating equipment design and operations are inherently dynamic and even the smallest alarms, false or true, can be sudden, reasonably unforeseeable and unexpected which can cause malfunctions to occur, cease equipment operations and impact additional process equipment, prompting unforeseeable or unpredicted shutdowns of a facility. This event is out of OXY's control yet, OXY made every effort to control and minimize emissions as much as possible.

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

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. 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 pressure/level alarms, other process equipment issues, etc., field production technician personnel are promptly notified, and are instructed to assess the issue as soon as possible in order 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. The flare at this facility has a 98% combustion efficiency in order to lessen emissions as much as possible.

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

Oxy is limited in the corrective actions available to them to eliminate the cause and potential reoccurrence of this type of equipment malfunction as notwithstanding gas compression design and operations, this type of compression equipment is inherently dynamic and even the smallest alarms, false or true, can be sudden, reasonably unforeseeable and unexpected which can cause malfunctions to occur, cease equipment operations and impact additional process equipment, which can in turn, prompt unforeseeable or unpredicted shutdowns of a facility, without warning or advance notice. The only action that Oxy can take is to continue with the equipment preventative maintenance program for this facility. This event is out of OXY's control yet, OXY made every effort to control and minimize emissions as much as possible.

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OXY USA INC	16696
P.O. Box 4294	Action Number:
Houston, TX 772104294	119737
	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	Not answered.	
Incident Facility	[fAPP2126659618] MESA VERDE 18 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 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	No		
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 ve Was there <b>at least 50 MCF</b> of natural gas vented and/or flared during this event	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 environment or fresh water	No		

Equipment Involved		
Primary Equipment Involved	Other (Specify)	
Additional details for Equipment Involved. Please specify	Emergency Flare > Compression Equipment Malfunction > Leaking PRV > Emergency Facility 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	75	
Nitrogen (N2) percentage, if greater than one percent	1	
Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) PPM, rounded up	0	
Carbon Dioxide (C02) percentage, if greater than one percent	2	
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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Date(s) and Time(s)		
Date vent or flare was discovered or commenced	05/28/2022	
Time vent or flare was discovered or commenced	04:00 PM	
Time vent or flare was terminated	09:51 PM	
Cumulative hours during this event	6	

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: 1,014 Mcf   Recovered: 0 Mcf   Lost: 1,014 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	No	
Was notification of downstream activity received by this operator	Not answered.	
Downstream OGRID that should have notified this operator	Not answered.	
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	In this case, the facility production tech received compressor alarms notifications indicating a malfunction over at Mesa Verde 18 CTB, which automatically shut the compression equipment down, which then triggered a flaring event. Upon arrival at the facility, and after inspecting the compression equipment, it was determined that a leaking pressure relief valve was causing the compression equipment to overheat, prompting the equipment's temperature sensor to rise to a level triggering a malfunction alarm and automatic shutdown. The facility's air compressors are designed to automatically shut down due to high internal/external temperature readings as an effective safety precaution in order to maintain a safe level of operation to avoid catastrophic damage to the equipment itself and when those temperature levels are above a designated safe zone level, the equipment's operating sensor will automatically shut the equipment down, which then affects other equipment at the facility. This event could not have been foreseen, avoided or planned for as typical air compressor operating equipment design and operations are inherently dynamic and even the smallest alarms, false or true, can be sudden, reasonably unforeseeable and unexpected which can cause malfunctions to occur, cease equipment operations and impact additional process equipment, prompting unforeseeable or unpredicted shutdowns of a facility. This event is out of OXY's control yet, OXY made every effort to control and minimize emissions as much as possible.			
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V	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.
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.
V	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.	6/23/2022