

**Volumetrics Inc.**

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**Company:** OXY USA INC  
**Field/Location :** NMSW  
**Station Name :** CEDAR CANYON TO ENTERPRISE  
**Station Number :** NA  
**Sample Date:** 3/10/22 2:40 PM  
**Analysis Date:** 3/17/22 8:30 PM  
**Instrument:** INFICON  
**Calibration/Verification Date:** 3/17/2022  
**Heat Trace used:** YES

**Work Order:** 4000535215  
**Sampled by:** OXY/JE  
**Sample Type :** SPOT-CYLINDER  
**Sample Temperature (F):** NA  
**Sample Pressure (PSIG):** 1237  
**Flow rate (MCF/Day):** NA  
**Ambient Temperature (F):** 50  
**Sampling method:** FILL & EMPTY  
**Cylinder Number:** 27772

**NATURAL GAS ANALYSIS: GPA 2261**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Un-Normalized Mol%</b>	<b>Normalized Mol%</b>	<b>GPM 14.650</b>	<b>GPM 14.730</b>	<b>GPM 15.025</b>
Hydrogen Sulfide	0.0000	0.0000			
Nitrogen	1.4010	1.4329			
Methane	73.2835	74.9537			
Carbon Dioxide	0.1272	0.1301			
Ethane	12.0004	12.2739	3.277	3.295	3.361
Propane	6.1002	6.2392	1.716	1.726	1.760
Isobutane	0.8643	0.8840	0.289	0.290	0.296
N-butane	2.1629	2.2122	0.696	0.700	0.714
Isopentane	0.5139	0.5256	0.192	0.193	0.197
N-Pentane	0.5755	0.5886	0.213	0.214	0.218
Hexanes(C6's)	0.3556	0.3637	0.149	0.150	0.153
Heptanes (C7's)	0.2741	0.2804	0.129	0.130	0.132
Octanes (C8's)	0.1001	0.1024	0.052	0.053	0.054
Nonanes Plus (C9+)	0.0130	0.0133	0.007	0.008	0.008
<b>Total</b>	<b>97.7718</b>	<b>100.0000</b>			

**Physical Properties (Calculated)**

	<b>14.650 psia</b>	<b>14.730 psia</b>	<b>15.025 psia</b>
Total GPM Ethane+	6.721	6.758	6.893
Total GPM Iso-Pentane+	0.743	0.747	0.762
Compressibility (Z)	0.9959	0.9959	0.9958
Specific Gravity ( Air=1 ) @ 60 °F	0.7713	0.7713	0.7714
Molecular Weight	22.257	22.257	22.257

**Gross Heating Value**

	<b>14.650 psia</b>	<b>14.730 psia</b>	<b>15.025 psia</b>
Dry, Real (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1318.1	1325.3	1352.0
Wet, Real (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1295.0	1302.1	1328.3
Dry, Ideal (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1312.7	1319.9	1346.3
Wet, Ideal (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1289.7	1296.8	1322.7

Temperature base 60 °F

**Comment:** FIELD H2S =0 PPM

**Verified by**

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Petroleum Chemist

**Approved by**

*Deann Friend*

Deann Friend  
Laboratory Manager

**UPSET FLARING EVENT SPECIFIC JUSTIFICATIONS FORM****Facility:** Cedar Canyon CDP**Flare Date:** 07/01/2022**Duration of event:** 2 Hours 0 Minutes**MCF Flared:** 124**Start Time:** 04:20 PM**End Time:** 06:20 PM**Cause:** Compressor Malfunction > Low Suction**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 by good design, operation, and preventative maintenance practices. Oxy engages in respectable and good facility operation practices while also maintaining its continuous facility equipment preventative maintenance program.

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

In this case, the Dimension 6 CTB Section 8 CS facility's gas compressor automatically shut down on a low suction alarm. A malfunction alarm and automatic shutdown of the compressor unit can be caused by any number of things, such as fuel quality change, temperature changes, psi changes, oil issues, plugs and valves failing, etc. As it pertains to this event, the sudden and reasonably unforeseeable malfunction occurred due to the unit had an issue with low suction. Notwithstanding proper gas compressor design and operation, various forms of mechanical or technical issues can be sudden, reasonably unforeseeable, and very unexpected, which can cause compressor unit malfunctions to occur without warning or advance notice. With the gas compressor down, there was no gas takeaway, and thus field psi increased until set psi levels were reached which triggered flaring, as a safety measure for operations, facility equipment, and personnel. This gas compressor unit was working as designed and operated normally prior to the sudden and without warning detonation malfunction of the compressor unit. 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 by working safely and diligently during this event. The Cedar Canyon CDP flare is a gas gathering flare system for multiple tank batteries across Oxy's Cedar Canyon area. The minimal amount of gas flow allowed to be flared was done out of necessity to protect personnel and equipment as a safeguard.

**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 alarms, increased sensor pressure alarms, 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.

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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 to eliminate this type of cause and potential reoccurrence of flaring as notwithstanding proper gas compressor design and operation, various forms of mechanical or technical issues can be sudden, reasonably unforeseeable, and unexpected which can cause compressor unit malfunctions to occur without warning or advance notice. Oxy continually strives to maintain and operate its facility equipment in a manner consistent with good practices for minimizing emissions and reducing the number of emission events. Oxy has a strong and positive compression equipment preventative maintenance program in place. The only actions that Oxy can take and handle that is within its control, is to keep continue with its compression equipment preventative maintenance program for this unit at the Dimension 6 CTB Section 8 CS.

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	Action Type: [C-129] Venting and/or Flaring (C-129)

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• this application's operator, hereinafter "this operator";</li><li>• venting and/or flaring, hereinafter "vent or flare";</li><li>• any notification or report(s) of the C-129 form family, hereinafter "any C-129 forms";</li><li>• the statements in (and/or attached to) this, hereinafter "the statements in this";</li><li>• and the past tense will be used in lieu of mixed past/present tense questions and statements.</li></ul>
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**QUESTIONS**

<b>Prerequisites</b>	
<i>Any messages presented in this section, will prevent submission of this application. Please resolve these issues before continuing with the rest of the questions.</i>	
Incident Well	Not answered.
Incident Facility	[fAPP2126642450] CEDAR CANYON ETP CDP

<b>Determination of Reporting Requirements</b>	
<i>Answer all questions that apply. The Reason(s) statements are calculated based on your answers and may provide additional guidance.</i>	
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, minor 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 <b>at least 50 MCF</b> of natural gas vented and/or flared during this event	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
Was the vent or flare within an incorporated municipal boundary or withing 300 feet from an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church in existence	No

<b>Equipment Involved</b>	
Primary Equipment Involved	Other (Specify)
Additional details for Equipment Involved. Please specify	Emergency Flare > Compressor Malfunction > Low Suction

<b>Representative Compositional Analysis of Vented or Flared Natural Gas</b>	
<i>Please provide the mole percent for the percentage questions in this group.</i>	
Methane (CH4) percentage	75
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	0
Oxygen (O2) percentage, if greater than one percent	0
<i>If you are venting and/or flaring because of Pipeline Specification, please provide the required specifications for each gas.</i>	
Methane (CH4) percentage quality requirement	Not answered.
Nitrogen (N2) percentage quality requirement	Not answered.
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Date(s) and Time(s)	
Date vent or flare was discovered or commenced	07/01/2022
Time vent or flare was discovered or commenced	04:20 PM
Time vent or flare was terminated	06:20 PM
Cumulative hours during this event	2

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: 124 Mcf   Recovered: 0 Mcf   Lost: 124 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 Dimension 6 CTB Section 8 CS facility's gas compressor automatically shut down on a low suction alarm. A malfunction alarm and automatic shutdown of the compressor unit can be caused by any number of things, such as fuel quality change, temperature changes, psi changes, oil issues, plugs and valves failing, etc. As it pertains to this event, the sudden and reasonably unforeseeable malfunction occurred due to the unit had an issue with low suction. Notwithstanding proper gas compressor design and operation, various forms of mechanical or technical issues can be sudden, reasonably unforeseeable, and very unexpected, which can cause compressor unit malfunctions to occur without warning or advance notice. With the gas compressor down, there was no gas takeaway, and thus field psi increased until set psi levels were reached which triggered flaring, as a safety measure for operations, facility equipment, and personnel. This gas compressor unit was working as designed and operated normally prior to the sudden and without warning detonation malfunction of the compressor unit. 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 by working safely and diligently during this event. The Cedar Canyon CDP flare is a gas gathering flare system for multiple tank batteries across Oxy's Cedar Canyon area. The minimal amount of gas flow allowed to be flared was done out of necessity to protect personnel and equipment as a safeguard.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that I am authorized to submit a <i>Venting and/or Flaring</i> (C-129) report on behalf of this operator and understand that this report can be a <b>complete</b> C-129 submission per 19.15.27.8 and 19.15.28.8 NMAC.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge that upon submitting this application, I will be creating a new incident file (assigned to this operator) to track any C-129 forms, pursuant to 19.15.27.7 and 19.15.28.8 NMAC and understand that this submission meets the notification requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection G and F respectively.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I hereby certify the statements in this 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 an amendment, submit a [C-129] Amend Venting and/or Flaring Incident (C-129A), utilizing your incident number from this event.	7/18/2022