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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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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	Unavailable.
Incident Facility	[fAPP2126559749] WHOMPING WILLOW CTB

Determination of Reporting Requirements	
Answer all questions that apply. The Reason(s) statements are calculated based on your answers and may provide additional guidance.	
Was this vent or flare caused by an emergency or malfunction	No
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, minor 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 venting and/or flaring that is or may be a major or minor release under 19.15.29.7 NMAC.	
Was there at least 50 MCF of natural gas vented and/or flared during this event	Yes
Did this vent or flare result in the release of ANY 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 within 300 feet from an occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church in existence	No

Equipment Involved	
Primary Equipment Involved	Other (Specify)
Additional details for Equipment Involved. Please specify	Whomping Willow CTB HP VCU meter tracking combusted gas - No wells were involved with this flaring event as this event is due to combustion of storage tank vapors by an enclosed combustion device which is used routinely at this facility, pursuant to Federal US EPA NSPS OOOO/OOOOa regulations and state air permitting requirements that require the use of such a device to reduce storage tank emissions by 95%.

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	2
Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) PPM, rounded up	0
Carbon Dioxide (CO2) percentage, if greater than one percent	1
Oxygen (O2) 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.
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Date(s) and Time(s)	
Date vent or flare was discovered or commenced	10/26/2022
Time vent or flare was discovered or commenced	12:00 AM
Time vent or flare was terminated	11:59 PM
Cumulative hours during this event	24

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: 56 Mcf Recovered: 0 Mcf Lost: 56 Mcf.
Other Released Details	Not answered.
Additional details for Measured or Estimated Volume(s). Please specify	Whomping Willow CTB HP VCU meter tracking combusted gas
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	On May 17, 2021, NMOCD issued a notice entitled, "Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Natural Gas Waste Rules," and states that "... pursuant to 19.15.27.8(G) NMAC, an operator who vents or flares for any reason and that lasts more than 8 hours cumulatively during any 24-hour period must report that event on Form C-129." Combustion of storage tank vapors by this enclosed combustion device is used routinely at this facility pursuant to Federal US EPA NSPS OOOO/OOOOa regulations and state air permitting requirements that require the use of such a device to reduce storage tank emissions by 95%.
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☒	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 complete C-129 submission per 19.15.27.8 and 19.15.28.8 NMAC.
☒	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.
☒	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.
☒	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.
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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
shelbyschoepf	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.	11/23/2022