

#### Volumetrics Inc.

3710 East Rio Grande St, Victoria, TX-77901

Phone: 361-827-4024

Company: OXY USA INC Field/Location: NMSW

Station Name: SALT FLAT CTB TRAIN 4 CHECK (FMP)

Station Number: 18724C

 Sample Date:
 12/3/21 11:05 AM

 Analysis Date:
 12/9/21 7:00 AM

 Instrument:
 INFICON

 Calibration/Verification Date:
 12/9/2021

 Heat Trace used:
 YES

Work Order: 4000414876
Sampled by: VOLUMETRICS/RA
Sample Type: SPOT-CYLINDER

Sample Temperature (F):85.1Sample Pressure (PSIG):100.13Flow rate (MCF/Day):17724.11Ambient Temperature (F):70

Sampling method: FILL & EMPTY

Cylinder Number: 5029

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	1.4677	1.4784			
Methane	73.8072	74.3466			
Carbon Dioxide	0.1436	0.1447			
Ethane	12.6389	12.7313	3.399	3.418	3.486
Propane	6.4708	6.5181	1.793	1.803	1.839
Isobutane	0.8652	0.8715	0.285	0.286	0.292
N-butane	2.0848	2.1000	0.661	0.665	0.678
Isopentane	0.4715	0.4750	0.173	0.174	0.178
N-Pentane	0.5141	0.5178	0.187	0.188	0.192
Hexanes(C6's)	0.3317	0.3341	0.137	0.138	0.141
Heptanes (C7's)	0.3063	0.3086	0.142	0.143	0.146
Octanes (C8's)	0.1389	0.1399	0.072	0.072	0.073
Nonanes Plus (C9+)	0.0337	0.0340	0.019	0.019	0.020
Total	99.2746	100.0000			

Physical Properties (Calculated)	14.650 psia	14.730 psia	15.025 psia
Total GPM Ethane+	6.868	6.906	7.044
Total GPM Iso-Pentane+	0.730	0.734	0.749
Compressibility (Z)	0.9959	0.9959	0.9958
Specific Gravity ( Air=1) @ 60 °F	0.7746	0.7746	0.7747
Molecular Weight	22.351	22.351	22.351
Gross Heating Value	14.650 psia	14.730 psia	15.025 psia
Dry, Real (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1322.1	1329.3	1356.1
Wet, Real (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1299.0	1306.1	1332.3
Dry, Ideal (BTU/Ft <sup>3</sup> )	1316.7	1323.9	1350.4
Wet, Ideal (BTU/Ft3)	1293.6	1300.7	1326.7

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: Salt Flat CTB Flare Date: 01/28/2024

**Duration of Event:** 1 Hour 30 Minutes **MCF Flared:** 182

Start Time: 12:00 AM End Time: 01:30 AM

**Cause:** Emergency Flare > Third Party > USA Compression > Salt Flat CS > Compression Issues

Method of Flared Gas Measurement: Gas Flare Meter

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

The emissions event was caused by the unforeseen, unexpected, sudden, and unavoidable interruption, restriction or partial shut-down of USA compression equipment at their Salt Flat compressor station. This interruption, restriction, or partial shut-in of USA compression equipment and the gas pipeline that is owned by a third-party pipeline compression station operator is downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and out of Oxy's control to foresee, avoid or prevent this type of event from happening. This event did not stem from any of Oxy's upstream facility activity which could have been foreseen or avoided and could not have been negated by good design, operation or preventative maintenance practices. In this case, Salt Flat compressor station, third party owned and operated by USA Compression, had one or more gas compressors malfunction, which then instigated a sudden and unexpected restriction of gas flow intake to Oxy, which in turn, prompted Oxy's Salt Flat CTB to instantaneously over pressure, trigging a flaring event to occur. This event could not have been foreseen, avoided, or prevented from happening as this event occurred with no advance notice or warning to Oxy and its field personnel from USA Compression personnel.

# 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, Salt Flat compressor station, third party owned and operated by USA Compression, had one or more gas compressors malfunction, which then instigated a sudden and unexpected restriction of gas flow intake to Oxy, which in turn, prompted Oxy's Salt Flat CTB to instantaneously over pressure, trigging a flaring event to occur. As soon as the Oxy production tech, who was on-site, saw flaring occur, he began to make phone calls to USA compression personnel to reset and restart their compression equipment. USA compression mechanics went to their own compressor station site, assessed the situation and restarted their malfunctioning compressors. The Oxy production tech then contacted Oxy's personnel to begin making injection rate changes, so that field pressure would stay below the flare trigger setpoints of the Salt Flat CTB to cease flaring. This event is out of OXY's control, yet OXY made every effort to control and minimize emissions as much as possible.

# 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 third-party owned and operated compressor station's sudden and unexpected gas flow intake restriction or shut-in, as this control issue is downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and out of Oxy's control to foresee, avoid, prevent from happening or reoccur. Third-party downstream compression station owner operators may have equipment issues, which will reoccur from time to time, which in turn, directly impacts Oxy's ability to send its sales gas to them, and potentially triggering a flaring event. 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 continually communicate with USA Compression personnel, who operate the Salt Flat compressor station, when possible, during these types of circumstances.

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DEFINITIONS

Action 313699

### **DEFINITIONS**

Operator:	OGRID:
OXY USA INC	16696
P.O. Box 4294	Action Number:
Houston, TX 772104294	313699
	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:

- 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

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OXY USA INC P.O. Box 4294 Houston, TX 772104294		16696
		Action Number: 313699
		Action Type: [C-129] Venting and/or Flaring (C-129)
QUESTIONS		•
Prerequisites		
Any messages presented in this section, will prevent submission of this application. Please resolve	these issues before continuing w	ith the rest of the questions.
Incident Well	Unavailable.	
Incident Facility	[fAPP2126563666] SALT I	FLAT CTB
Determination of Reporting Requirements		
Answer all questions that apply. The Reason(s) statements are calculated based on your answers a	and may provide addional quidanc	Δ
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/o	r 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		
Was there at least 50 MCF of natural gas vented and/or flared during this event	Yes	y be a major of minor release under 19.10.29.1 NWAO.
Did this vent or flare result in the release of <b>ANY</b> liquids (not fully and/or completely	100	
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	
Equipment Involved		
Primary Equipment Involved	Other (Specify)	
Additional details for Equipment Involved. Please specify	Emergency Flare > Third	Party > USA Compression > Salt Flat CS > Compression Issues
Development the Compositional Analysis of Vented on Flored Natural Con-		
Representative Compositional Analysis of Vented or Flared Natural Gas		
Please provide the mole percent for the percentage questions in this group.  Methane (CH4) percentage	74	
Nitrogen (N2) percentage  Nitrogen (N2) percentage, if greater than one percent		
Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) PPM, rounded up	1	
	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 spe-	cifications 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.	
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#### QUESTIONS

Date(s) and Time(s)		
Date vent or flare was discovered or commenced	01/28/2024	
Time vent or flare was discovered or commenced	12:00 AM	
Time vent or flare was terminated	01:30 AM	
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: 182 Mcf   Recovered: 0 Mcf   Lost: 182 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	The emissions event was caused by the unforeseen, unexpected, sudden, and unavoidable interruption, restriction or partial shut-down of USA compression equipment at their Salt Flat compressor station. This interruption, restriction, or partial shut-in of USA compression equipment and the gas pipeline that is owned by a third-party pipeline compression station operator is downstream of Oxy's custody transfer point and out of Oxy's control to foresee, avoid or prevent this type of event from happening. This event did not stem from any of Oxy's upstream facility activity which could have been foreseen or avoided and could not have been negated by good design, operation or preventative maintenance practices. In this case, Salt Flat compressor station, third party owned and operated by USA Compression, had one or more gas compressors malfunction, which then instigated a sudden and unexpected restriction of gas flow intake to Oxy, which in turn, prompted Oxy's Salt Flat CTB to instantaneously over pressure, trigging a flaring event to occur. This event could not have been foreseen, avoided, or prevented from happening as this event occurred with no advance notice or warning to Oxy and its field personnel from USA Compression personnel.
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V	I acknowledge that I am authorized to submit a Venting and/or Flaring (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.
V	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.
V	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.
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 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.	2/12/2024