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TO: Jim Griswold, NMOCD

FROM: Curtis Shuck, Chairman

DATE: April 29, 2023

RE: O'Brien Fee 24 #001 (30-005-60803) Orphan Well Post-Plugging Methane Monitoring

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Well Done New Mexico LLC and the Well Done Foundation, Inc. (WDF) performing contract professional services methane monitoring for the State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department – Oil Conservation Division (OCD) under Purchase Order #52100-00000073985 for Orphan Oil & Gas Wells in Chaves County, NM.

The site conditions found at the O'Brien Fee 24 #001 by the WDF Measure 1 Field Team on March 18, 2023, revealed a cement-plugged orphan well with the cement to the top of casing, which was cutoff -3' below the surface. The WDF Measure 1 Team took site photographs, performed field gas measurements, and collected a gas sample for immediate laboratory analysis.

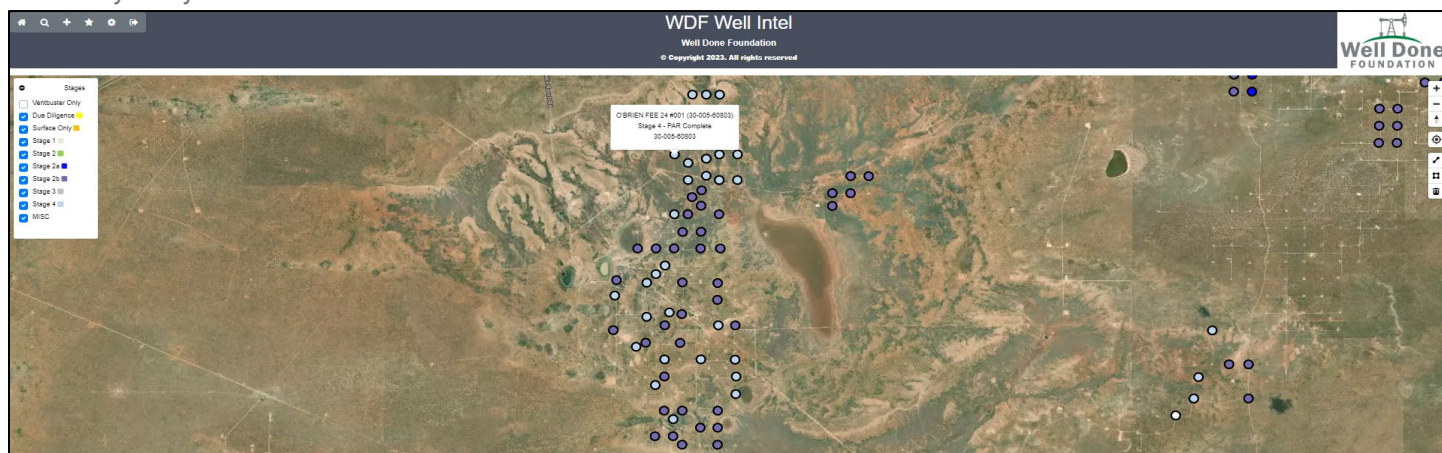


Image 1.1 – O'Brien Fee 24 #001 (30-005-60803) Orphan Well in Chaves County, NM

The Pre-Plugging Methane Flow Monitoring Test on February 19-21, 2023, using Ventbuster™ Instruments VB100-016 Ultra-Low Flow Meter with GPS, resulted in 0.01 cubic meters per day of total measured wellhead emissions. A composite gas sample collected at the wellhead by WDF during the flow test established a methane gas concentration level measured at 160,400 ppm, pursuant to Test ID 2022064654 performed by Laboratory Services of Hobbs, NM. Therefore, the adjusted average methane gas emission measured at this wellhead is calculated at **0.02 grams per hour (g/hour)**.¹

The State of New Mexico used the methane flow data collected by WDF to prioritize the O'Brien Fee 24 #001 orphan well plugging under the IJJA Program and began mobilizing a contractor to the location. J A Drake Well Service, Inc. of Farmington, NM was awarded the plugging contract.

WDF arrived at the O'Brien Fee 24 #001 location on March 18, 2023, to perform post-plugging orphan well methane testing and sampling on behalf of the State of New Mexico. **WDF post-plugging field gas tests revealed 0.00% of methane or H2S gasses. The post-plugging collected gas sample, analyzed by Laboratory Services, Inc. confirmed 0.00 ppm of methane gas and 0.00 ppm of H2s gas. THEREFORE, the total Methane Gas Emissions Reduction is: 0.02 g/hour.**

¹ Methane Calculation: 717 grams CH₄ per cubic meter (717 x 0.005 m³/day = 3.59 g/day total /24 = 0.15 g/hour x 0.160400 (methane concentration) = **0.02 g/hour CH₄**). **Methane, gas** weighs 0.000717 gram per cubic centimeter or 0.717 kilogram per cubic meter, i.e. density of methane, gas is equal to 0.717 kg/m³; at 0°C (32°F or 273.15K) at standard atmospheric pressure. In Imperial or US customary measurement system, the density is equal to 0.044 pound per cubic foot [lb/ft³].

This orphan well did not exceed the >1 g/hour federal program reporting requirements for methane emissions reductions as described in Section 40601 (Orphaned well site plugging, remediation, and restoration) of Title V (Methane Reduction Infrastructure) of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL; Public Law 117-58)².

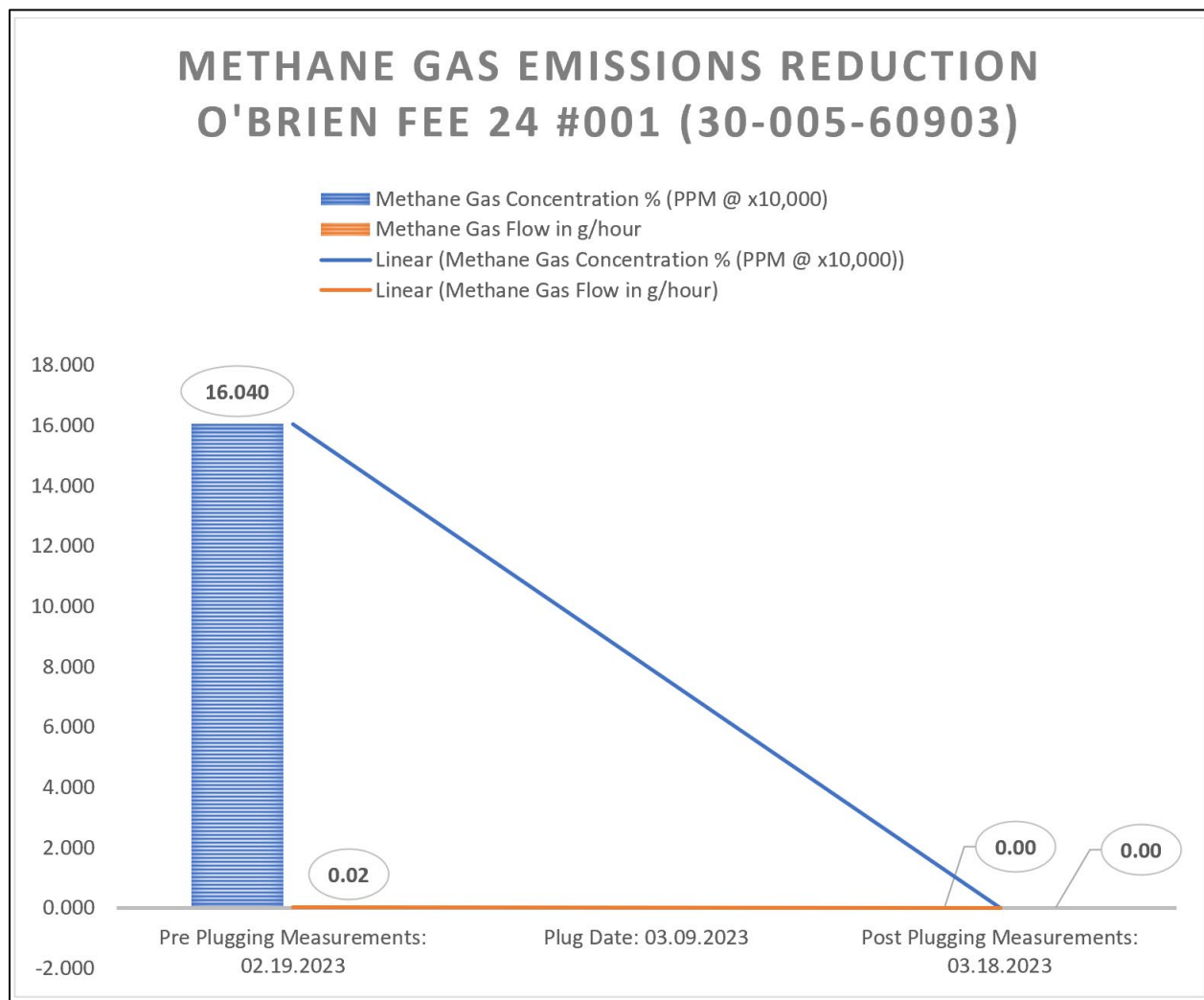


Image 2.1 – O'Brien Fee 24 #001 (30-005-60803) Methane Gas Emissions Reduction Pre-Plugging to Post-Plugging

TECHNICAL FINDINGS

O'Brien Fee 24 #001 (30-005-60803):

- **Total C1 through C6 Gas Concentration: 252,660 ppm**
- **Total Measured Wellhead Gas Emissions: 0.005 m³/day**
- **Methane Gas Concentration: 160,400 ppm**
- **Calculated Average Wellhead Methane Gas Emissions: 0.02 g/hour**
- **Post Plugging Methane Gas Concentration: 0.00 ppm**
- **Post Plugging Methane Flow: 0.00 g/hour**

² These April 11, 2022 Guidelines were developed to meet the federal program reporting requirements for methane emissions reductions as described in Section 40601 (Orphaned well site plugging, remediation, and restoration) of Title V (Methane Reduction Infrastructure) of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL; Public Law 117-58).

CONCLUSIONS

- The O’Brien Fee 24 #001 (30-005-60803) was emitting Methane gas pre-plugging, at an average rate of 0.02 g/hour, which was below the Federal minimum threshold for reporting described in Section 40601 (Orphaned well site plugging, remediation, and restoration) of Title V (Methane Reduction Infrastructure) of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL; Public Law 117-58) which is >1g/hour.
- Post Plugging, the O’Brien Fee 24 #001 (30-005-60803) presented 0.00 ppm of Methane gas emissions from field gas tests and laboratory analysis of WDF collected gas samples.

FIELD NOTES



Well Site

InfoWell FileImagesWell DataRegulatoryField NotesLive Data ViewAccessRemove Well

Date03/18/2023

New Noteces: On location with the WDF Measure1 Team to perform Field Gas Analysis, collect Gas Sample for Lab analysis and take site condition photos. WILDCAT OUT!

Add

#	Date	Note
1	2023-02-22	Arrived 2/22/2023. Rigged down flow test.
2	2023-02-21	Arrived 2:30pm 2/21/2023. Rigged up Ventbuster #16 for flow testing.

Image 3.1 – O’Brien Fee 24 #001 (30-005-60803) Field Notes from WDF Well Intel™ Orphan Well Project Management IoT



1) O'Brien Fee 24 #001 - Pre Plug Methane Measurement



2) O'Brien Fee 24 #001 - Field Gas Analysis



3) O'Brien Fee 24 #001 - Post Plug Gas Sample



4) O'Brien Fee 24 #001 - Post Plug Green Ribbon



16091G	OBrien Fee 24 #001	OBrien Fee 24 #001
Sample Point Code	Sample Point Name	Sample Point Location
Laboratory Services	2023066032	Tedlar Bag
Source Laboratory	Lab File No	Container Identity
USA	USA	USA
District	Area Name	Field Name
Mar 18, 2023 15:10	Mar 18, 2023 15:10	Mar 24, 2023 08:34
Date Sampled	Date Effective	Date Received
System Administrator		
Ambient Temp (°F)	Flow Rate (Mcf)	Analyst
		Press PSI @ Temp °F Source Conditions
Well Done Foundation		NG
Operator		Lab Source Description

Component	Normalized Mol %	Un-Normalized Mol %	GPM
H2S (H2S)	0.0000	0	
Nitrogen (N2)	99.7840	99.784	
CO2 (CO2)	0.0370	0.037	
Methane (C1)	0.0000	0	
Ethane (C2)	0.0000	0	0.0000
Propane (C3)	0.0000	0	0.0000
I-Butane (IC4)	0.0000	0	0.0000
N-Butane (NC4)	0.0000	0	0.0000
I-Pentane (IC5)	0.0000	0	0.0000
N-Pentane (NC5)	0.0000	0	0.0000
Hexanes Plus (C6+)	0.1790	0.179	0.0780
TOTAL	100.0000	100.0000	0.0780

Method(s): Gas C6+ - GPA 2261, Extended Gas - GPA 2286, Calculations - GPA 2172

Analyzer Information	
Device Type:	Device Make:
Device Model:	Last Cal Date:

Source	Date	Notes
Brooke Rush	Mar 27, 2023 2:32 pm	Methane = 0 PPM

Gross Heating Values (Real, BTU/ft³)			
14.696 PSI @ 60.00 Å°F		14.73 PSI @ 60.00 Å°F	
Dry	Saturated	Dry	Saturated
9.2	9.9	9.2	9.9

Calculated Total Sample Properties	
GPA2145-16 *Calculated at Contract Conditions	
Relative Density Real	Relative Density Ideal
0.9714	0.9715
Molecular Weight	
28.1360	

C6+ Group Properties		
Assumed Composition		
C6 - 60.000%	C7 - 30.000%	C8 - 10.000%

Field H2S
0 PPM

PROTREND STATUS: Passed By Validator on Mar 27, 2023
DATA SOURCE: Imported

PASSED BY VALIDATOR REASON:
 First sample taken @ this point, composition looks reasonable

VALIDATOR:
 Brooke Rush
VALIDATOR COMMENTS:
 OK

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Action 211878

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Operator: CANYON E & P COMPANY 251 O'Connor Ridge Blvd. Irving, TX 75038	OGRID: 269864
	Action Number: 211878
	Action Type: [UF-OMA] Post-Plug Methane Monitoring (UF-OMA-MMB)

DEFINITIONS

The Orphan Well Mitigation Activity (OMA) forms are a subset of the OCD's forms exclusively designed for activities related to State of New Mexico's contracted plugging and reclamation activities. Specifically, these forms are used for orphan wells or associated facilities which are in a "Reclamation Fund Approved" status. This status represents wells or facilities where the OCD has acquired a hearing order allowing the OCD to perform plugging or reclamation on wells and associated facilities that no longer have a viable operator to perform the necessary work. These forms are not to be utilized for any other purpose.

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QUESTIONS

Prerequisites	
[OGRID] Well Operator	[269864] CANYON E & P COMPANY
[API] Well Name and Number	[30-005-60803] O'BRIEN FEE 24 #001
Well Status	Plugged (not released)

Monitoring Event Information

Please answer all the questions in this group.

Reason For Filing	Post-Plug Methane Monitoring
Date of monitoring	03/18/2023
Latitude	33.60460
Longitude	-104.03402

Monitoring Event Details

Please answer all the questions in this group.

Flow rate in cubic meters per day (m³/day)	0.00
Test duration in hours (hr)	1.0
Average flow temperature in degrees Celsius (°C)	10.0
Average gauge flow pressure in kilopascals (kPag)	0.0
Methane concentration in part per million (ppm)	0
Methane emission rate in grams per hour (g/hr)	0.00
Testing Method	Steady State

Monitoring Contractor

Please answer all the questions in this group.

Name of monitoring contractor	Well Done New Mexico LLC
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