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TO: Jim Griswold, NMOCD

FROM: Curtis Shuck, Chairman

DATE: April 24, 2023

RE: O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 (30-005-60816) 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 Light Cap 7 #002 by the WDF Measure 1 Field Team on March 18, 2023, revealed a cement-plugged orphan well with the cement to within 3" of the top of cut off casing. 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 Light Cap 7 #002 (30-005-60516) Orphan Well in Chaves County, NM

The Pre-Plugging Methane Flow Monitoring Test on December 19-20, 2022, using Ventbuster™ Instruments VB100-052 Ultra-Low Flow Meter with GPS, resulted in 0.00 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 0 ppm, pursuant to Test ID 2022061761 performed by Laboratory Services of Hobbs, NM. Therefore, the adjusted average methane gas emission measured at this wellhead is calculated at **0 grams per hour (g/hour)**.¹

The State of New Mexico used the methane flow data collected by WDF to prioritize the O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 orphan well plugging under the IIJA 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 Light Cap 7 #002 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: 0.00 g/hour.**

¹ Methane Calculation: 717 grams CH₄ per cubic meter (717 x 0.00 m³/day = 0.00 g/day total /24 = 0.00 g/hour x 0.00 (methane concentration) = **0.00 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.

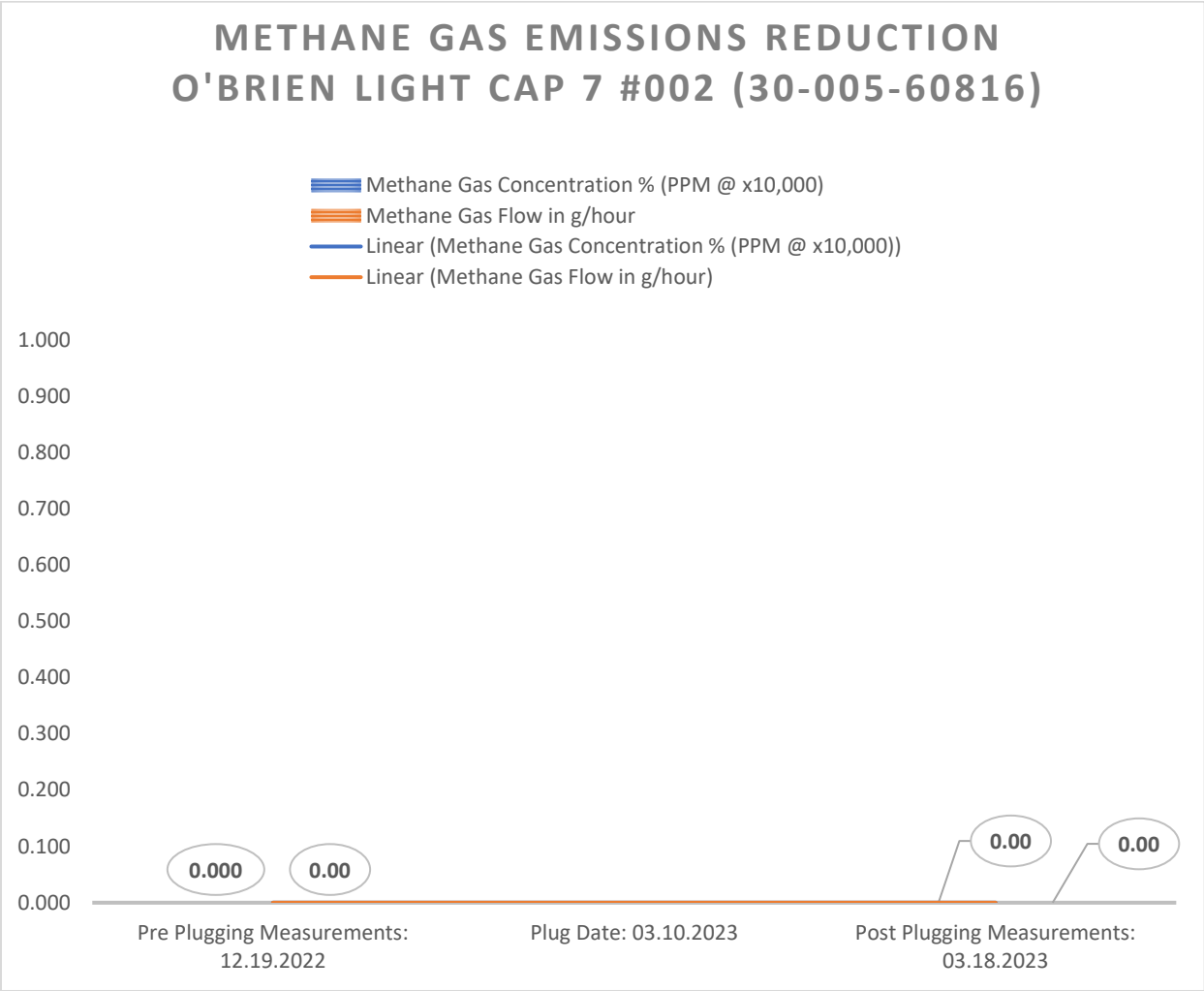


Image 2.1 – O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 (30-005-60816) Methane Gas Emissions Reduction Pre-Plugging to Post-Plugging

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).

TECHNICAL FINDINGS

O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 (30-005-60816):

- **Total C1 through C6 Gas Concentration: 3,230 ppm**
- **Total Measured Wellhead Gas Emissions: 0.00 m3/day**
- **Methane Gas Concentration: 0 ppm**
- **Calculated Average Wellhead Methane Gas Emissions: 0.00 g/hour**
- **Post Plugging Methane Gas Concentration: 0.00 ppm**
- **Post Plugging Methane Flow: 0.00 g/hour**

CONCLUSIONS

- The O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 (30-005-60816) was not emitting Methane gas pre-plugging (i.e., at the average rate of 0.00 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 Light Cap 7 #002 (30-005-60816) presented 0.00 ppm of Methane gas emissions from field gas tests and laboratory analysis of WDF collected gas samples.

FIELD NOTES

#	Date	Note
1	2023-03-18	ces: WDF Measure 1 on location to perform post plugging methane measurements. Field gas analysis had non-detect. Collect gas sample. Take photos and place green ribbon at well. WILDCAT OUT!
2	2022-12-20	Fgv:rigged down vb 52
3	2022-12-19	Fgv: measure team 1 was on location today @10:50 a.m.took pictures of well n,e,s,w a 4 gas monitor detection was taken and a gas sample as well as pictures of both and vb # 52 was rigged up and a picture of that was taken

Image 3.1 – O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 (30-005-60816) Field Notes from WDF Well Intel™ Orphan Well Project Management IoT

Appendix A – Site Photos for O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 (30-005-60816)



1) O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 – Field Gas



2) O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 – Gas Sample



3) O'Brien Light Cap 7 #002 – Ribbon



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C6+ Gas Analysis Report

16403G	OBrien Lightcap 7 #2	OBrien Lightcap 7 #2	
Sample Point Code	Sample Point Name	Sample Point Location	
Laboratory Services	2023066037	Tedlar Bag	CES - Spot
Source Laboratory	Lab File No	Container Identity	Sampler
USA	USA	USA	New Mexico
District	Area Name	Field Name	Facility Name
Mar 18, 2023 17:40	Mar 18, 2023 17:40	Mar 24, 2023 08:44	Mar 24, 2023
Date Sampled	Date Effective	Date Received	Date Reported
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)	99.8200	99.82	
CO2 (CO2)	0.0390	0.039	
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+)	0.1410	0.141	0.0610
TOTAL	100.0000	100.0000	0.0610

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

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

Gross Heating Values (Real, BTU/ft³)			
14.696 PSI @ 60.00 Å°F	14.73 PSI @ 60.00 Å°F		
Dry	Saturated	Dry	Saturated
7.2	8.0	7.2	8.0

Calculated Total Sample Properties	
GPA2145-16 *Calculated at Contract Conditions	
Relative Density Real	Relative Density Ideal
0.9705	0.9706
Molecular Weight	
28.1115	

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

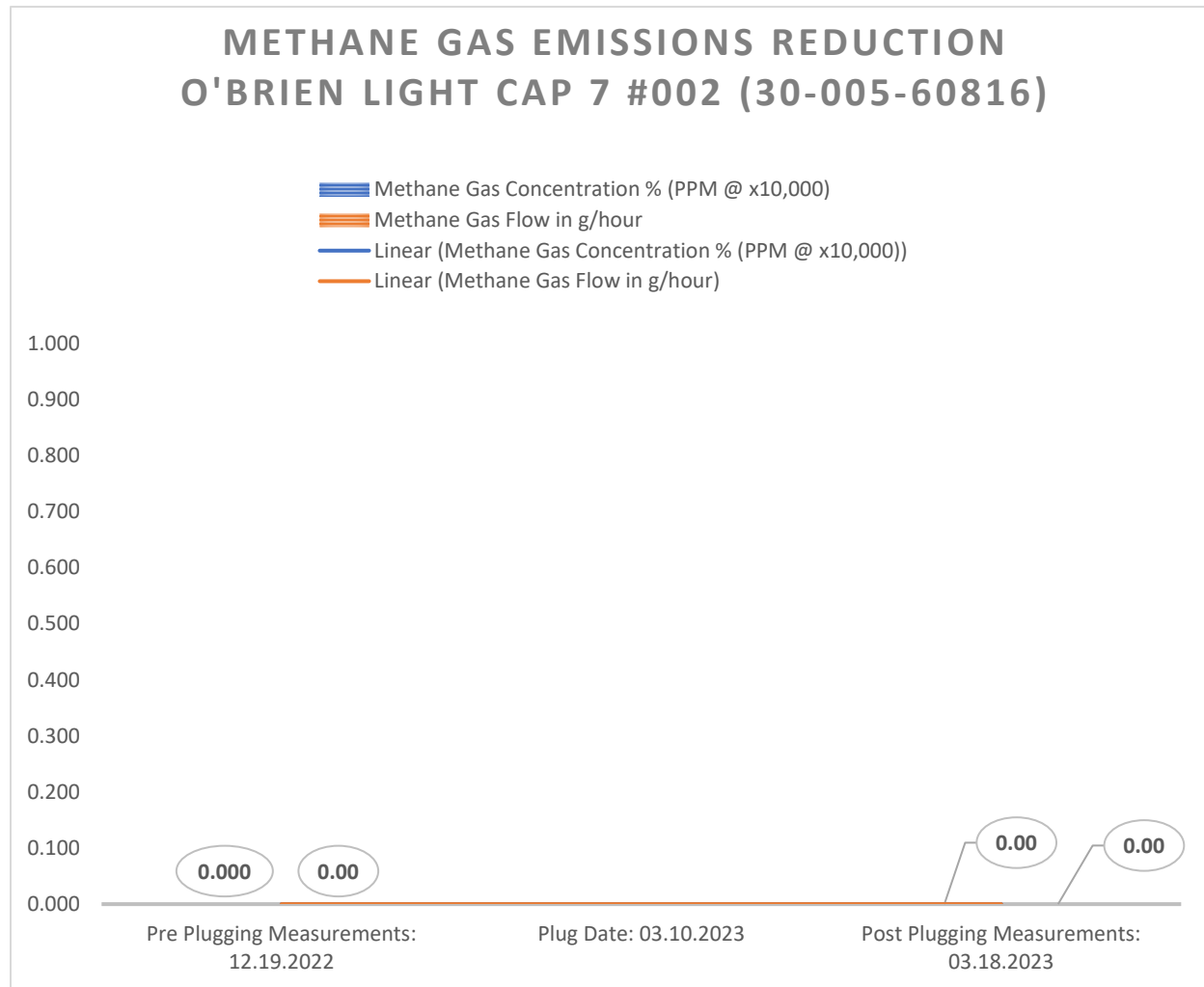
VALIDATOR:

Brooke Rush

VALIDATOR COMMENTS:

OK

Source	Date	Notes
Brooke Rush	Mar 27, 2023 2:44 pm	Methane = 0 PPM



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Action 243592

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Operator: CANYON E & P COMPANY 251 O'Connor Ridge Blvd. Irving, TX 75038	OGRID: 269864
	Action Number: 243592
	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	[30-005-60816] O'BRIEN LIGHTCAP 7 #002
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	33.6336708
Longitude	-104.027298

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)	10.1
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	Other

Monitoring Contractor

Please answer all the questions in this group.

Name of monitoring contractor	Well Done New Mexico LLC
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