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TO: Jim Griswold, NMOCD

FROM: Curtis Shuck, Chairman

DATE: April 29, 2023

RE: Big Eddy #127 (30-015-27635) 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 Eddy County, NM.

The site conditions found at the Big Eddy #127 by the WDF Measure 1 Field Team on March 17, 2023, revealed a cement plugged orphan well with the cement to within -19'-4" of the top of 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 – Big Eddy #127 (30-015-27635) Orphan Well in Eddy County, NM

The Pre-Plugging Methane Flow Monitoring Test on February 18, 2023, using Ventbuster™ Instruments VB100-038 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 183,410 ppm, pursuant to Test ID 2023064264 performed by Laboratory Services of Hobbs, NM. Therefore, the adjusted average methane gas emission measured at this wellhead is calculated at **0.05 grams per hour (g/hour)**.¹

The State of New Mexico used the methane flow data collected by WDF to prioritize the Big Eddy #127 orphan well plugging under the IJA Program and began mobilizing a contractor to location. A-Plus Well Service, Inc. of Farmington, NM was awarded the plugging contract.

WDF arrived at the Big Eddy #127 location on March 17, 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 samples, analyzed by Laboratory Services, Inc. confirmed 0.00 ppm or methane gas and 0.00 ppm of H₂s gas. THEREFORE, the total Methane Gas Emissions Reduction is: 0.05 g/hour.**

¹ Methane Calculation: 717 grams CH₄ per cubic meter (717 x 0.01 m³/day = 7.17 g/day total /24 = 0.30 g/hour x 0.183410 (methane concentration) = **0.05 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 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.

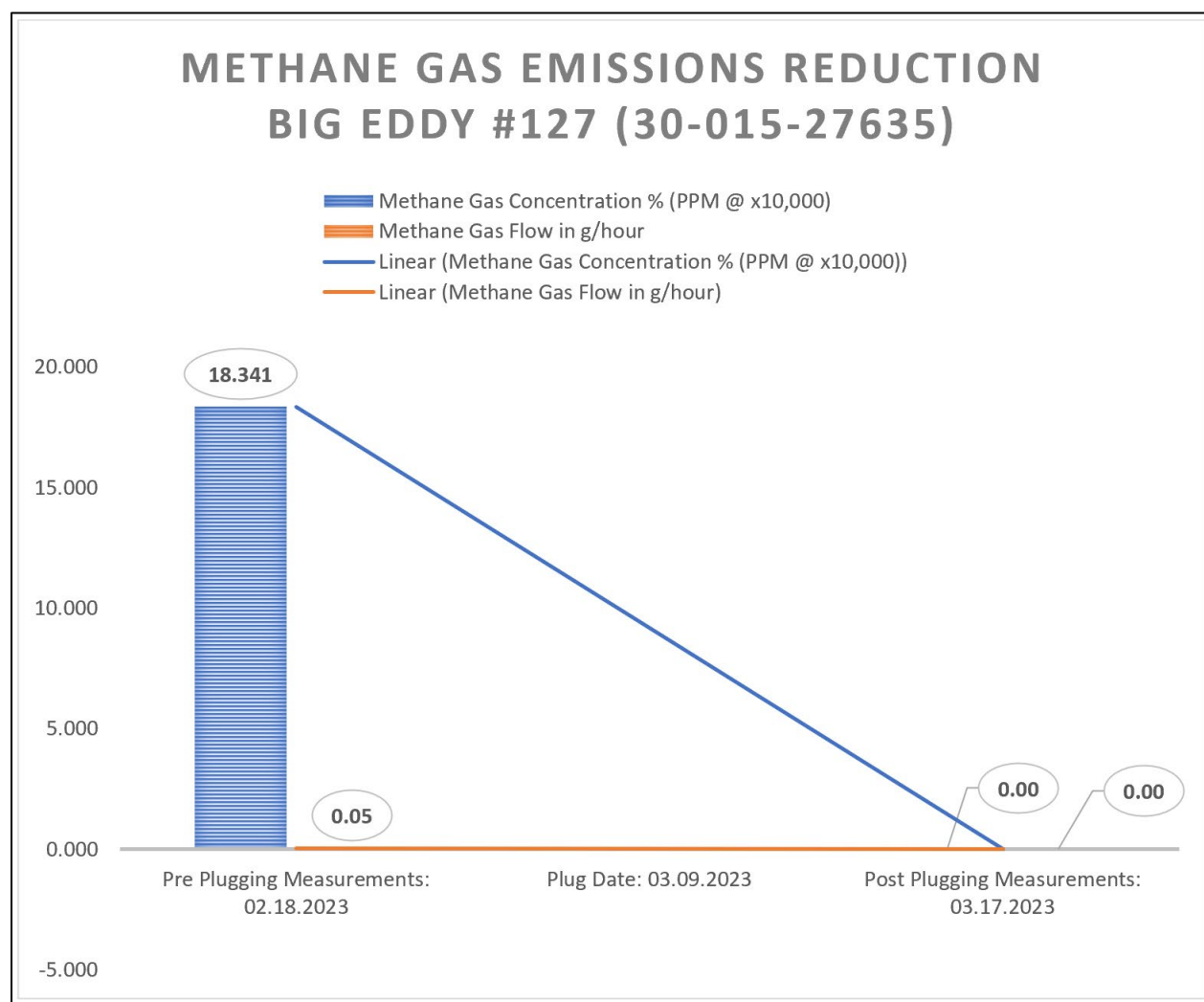


Image 2.1 – Big Eddy #127 (30-015-27635) Methane Gas Emissions Reduction Pre Plugging to Post Plugging

TECHNICAL FINDINGS

Big Eddy #127 (30-015-27635):

- Total C1 through C6 Gas Concentration: 443,926 ppm
- Total Measured Wellhead Gas Emissions: 0.01 m³/day
- Methane Gas Concentration: 183,410 ppm
- Calculated Average Wellhead Methane Gas Emissions: 0.05 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).

- The Big Eddy #127 (30-015-27635) was emitting Methane gas pre-plugging at the average rate of 0.05 g/hour, which was above 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 Big Eddy #127 (30-015-27635) presented 0.00 ppm of Methane gas emissions from field gas tests and laboratory analysis of WDF collected gas samples.

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Well Site

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Date04/29/2023

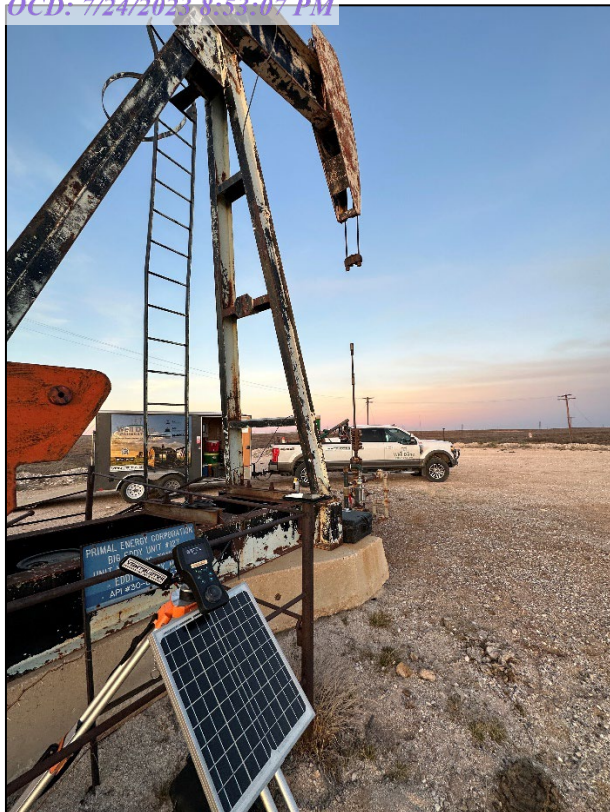
New Noteces: Prepare Post Plugging Report for OCD's Q22023 Report for USD|

Add

#	Date	Note
1	2023-03-18	ces: On location to perform post plugging sampling. Site photos. Measure cement depth to -19'-4" below top of casing. Field gas analysis yielded non detect. Collect post plugging gas sample.
2	2023-02-19	ces: On location. Stop methane flow test with VB100-038. Rig down VB100-038. Secure location. WILDCAT OUT!
3	2023-02-18	ces: On location with Measure1. Site photos. Field gas analysis. Collect gas sample for Lab analysis. Rig up VB100-038 and start methane flow test.

Image 3.1 – Big Eddy #127 (30-015-27635) Field Notes from WDF Well Intel™ Orphan Well Project Management IoT

Appendix A – Site Photos for Big Eddy #127 (30-015-27635)



1) Big Eddy #127 – Pre Plugging Methane Measurement



2) Big Eddy #127 – Cement Elevation



3) Big Eddy #127 – Post Plug Gas Sample



4) Big Eddy #127 – Post Plug Green Ribbon



16024G	Big Eddy Unit #127	Big Eddy Unit #127	
Sample Point Code	Sample Point Name	Sample Point Location	
Laboratory Services	2023066023	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 17, 2023 16:37	Mar 17, 2023 16:37	Mar 24, 2023 08:19	Mar 24, 2023
Date Sampled	Date Effective	Date Received	Date Reported
Torrance			
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)	99.9510	99.95127	
CO2 (CO2)	0.0370	0.03672	
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+)	0.0120	0.01201	0.0050
TOTAL	100.0000	100.0000	0.0050

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

Analyzer Information			
Device Type:	Gas Chromatograph	Device Make:	Shimadzu
Device Model:	GC-2014	Last Cal Date:	Feb 13, 2023

Gross Heating Values (Real, BTU/ft³)			
14.696 PSI @ 60.00 Å°F	14.73 PSI @ 60.00 Å°F		
Dry	Saturated	Dry	Saturated
0.6	1.5	0.6	1.5

Calculated Total Sample Properties	
GPA2145-16 *Calculated at Contract Conditions	
Relative Density Real	Relative Density Ideal
0.9676	0.9677
Molecular Weight	
28.0271	

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

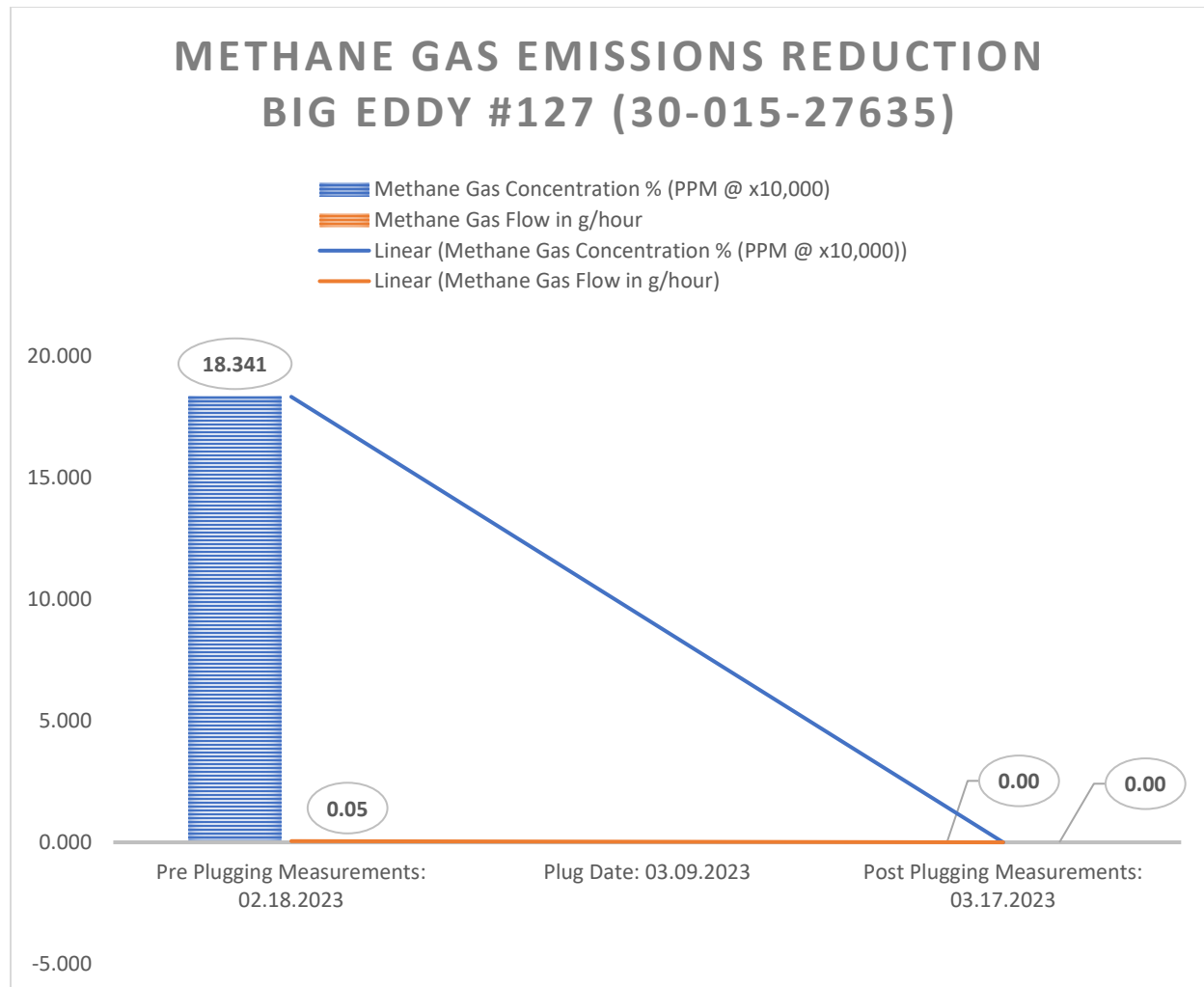
VALIDATOR:

Brooke Rush

VALIDATOR COMMENTS:

OK

Source	Date	Notes
Brooke Rush	Mar 27, 2023 2:30 pm	Methane = 0 PPM



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Action 243865

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Operator: PRIMAL ENERGY CORPORATION 211 Highland Cross Houston, TX 77073	OGRID: 154303
	Action Number: 243865
	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	[154303] PRIMAL ENERGY CORPORATION
[API] Well Name and Number	[30-015-27635] BIG EDDY UNIT #127
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	03/17/2023
Latitude	32.4776421
Longitude	-103.9917908

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)	15.0
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	Other

Monitoring Contractor*Please answer all the questions in this group.*

Name of monitoring contractor	Well Done New Mexico LLC
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