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Regulators around globe watch Hutchinson, Kan., gas leak incident

Sam Fletcher
OGJ Online

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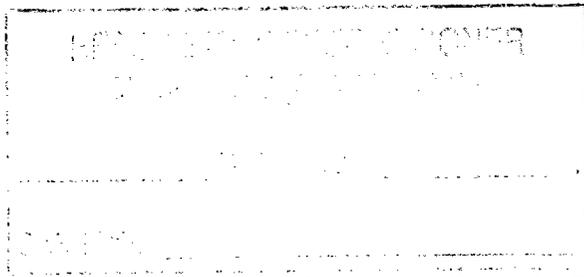
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Hutchinson officials met Thursday with representatives of Kansas Gas Service, KDHE, and the Kansas Geological Survey a research division of the University of Kansas to assess the



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At this point, the danger of spontaneous eruptions has passed, a KDHE spokesman told OGJ Online. As more shallow pockets of gas within the town have been drilled and flared, he said, the volume and pressure of new gas discoveries have decreased. We're confident that the explosion and fire hazard has passed.

So far, 49 sites have been or are being drilled in and around Hutchinson in search of deposits of migrating gas primarily 285-400 ft underground. Officials reported low flows of gas are still being flared at nine of those sites, while two others encountered gas but are not flaring.

The city very much wants to know that all of the escaped gas has been found and flared. The people of Hutchinson will not be confident unless they know all of the migration paths between the city and Yaggy have been determined and are monitored or plugged, said Lee Allison, state geologist and director of the Kansas Geological Survey.

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However, geologists still don't know along what route the escaping gas migrated. Members of the Kansas Geological Survey said two seismic surveys in early February at first indicated a possible subsurface sand channel through which the escaping gas could flow up from the storage facility.

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Geologists hope to collect more information soon. They're now drilling a fourth well along our earlier seismic line and we hope to core down to the Hutchinson salt through the interval that we think carried the gas, Allison said.

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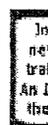
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Effects of Hutchinson, Kan., gas leak can be worldwide

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FOR THE
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RULE 1. Each newly drilled or recompleted well penetrating the Morrow formation in the area of the Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit Project Area shall be drilled, operated and produced in accordance with the Special Project Rules and Operating Procedures hereinafter set forth.

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GRAMA RIDGE MORROW
GAS STORAGE UNIT
PROJECT AREA

Township 21 South, Range 34 East

Section 33

Section 34

Township 22 South, Range 34 East

Section 3

Section 4

Section 10

RULE 3. For purposes of these Special Project Rules and Operating Procedures, the "Unitized Formation", as to State lands is defined by that April 25, 1973 Unit Agreement For The Operation Of The Grama Ridge Morrow Unit Area, Lea County, New Mexico, as amended, consists of "[t]hat subsurface portion of the unit area commonly known as the Morrow sands which is the same zone as the top and bottom of which were encountered at log depths of 12,722 feet and 13,208 feet in the Shell Oil Company State GRA Well No. 1 as shown on the Schlumberger Sonic Log B Gamma Ray Log of said well dated July 5, 1965, which said well is located 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the west line of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 34 East". As to State and fee lands, the Unit Area includes Section 33 and 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, and the NE/4 of Section 4 and all of Section 3, Township 22 South Range 34 East. As to Federal lands, the "Unitized Formation" consists of the Morrow Formation underlying the "gas storage reservoir area" (also the Unit Area) in Section 4 (excluding the surface of the NE/4 of said Section 4) and Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, as defined in that November 24, 1975 Agreement for the Subsurface Storage of Gas, No. 14-08-0001-14277, as amended.

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- c.) In the case of an open hole into or through the Unitized Formation with casing set above the Unitized Formation;
 - (i) If the hole Total Depth is within the Unitized Formation, fill the hole with cement to a level 15’ higher than the top of the Unitized Formation.
 - (ii) If the hole Total Depth is below the bottom of the Unitized Formation, set a bridge plug at a depth 15’ below the bottom of the Unitized Formation and fill the hole with cement from the bridge plug to a level 15’ higher than the top of the Unitized Formation.

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RULE 8. For each exploratory well penetrating the Morrow Formation that is to be plugged and abandoned without casing;

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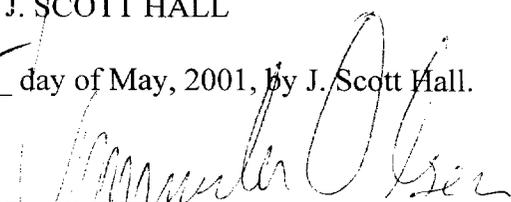
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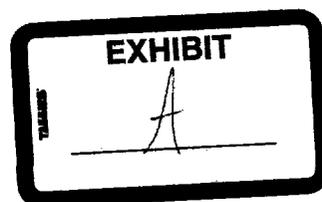
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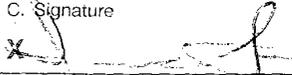
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Claydesta Plaza
15 Smith Road
Midland, Texas 79705

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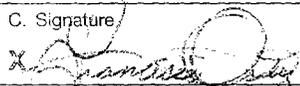
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Concho Resources, Inc.
110 W. Louisiana Ave
Midland, Texas 79701

Re: NMOCD Case No. 12588; Application of Raptor Natural Pipeline LLC, f/k/a LG&E Natural Pipeline LLC, For Special Project Rules For The Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit, Lea County, New Mexico

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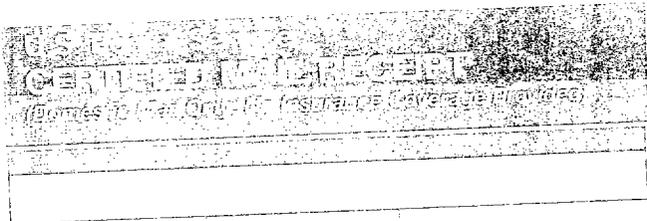
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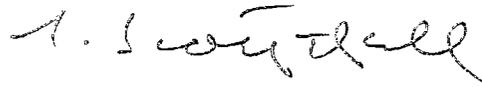
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