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TO: Jim Griswold, NMOCD

FROM: Curtis Shuck, Chairman

DATE: April 15, 2023

RE: Twin Lakes San Andres Unit #078 (30-005-60995) 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 #52100-0000073985 for Orphan Oil & Gas Wells in Chaves County, NM.

The site conditions found at the Twin Lakes San Andres #078 by the WDF Measure 1 Field Team on March 18, 2023, revealed an orphan well site that had been backfilled. The WDF Measure 1Team took site photographs, performed field gas measurements and collected a gas sample for immediate laboratory analysis.

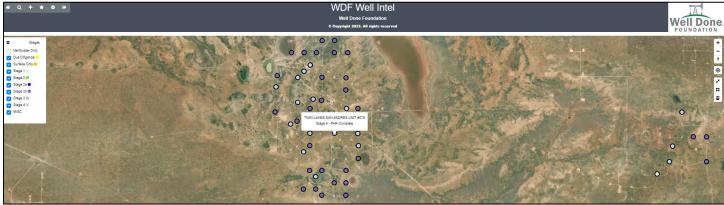


Image 1.1 - Twin Lakes San Andres Unit #078 (30-005-60995) Orphan Well in Chaves County, NM

The Pre-Plugging Methane Flow Monitoring Test on August 23, 2024, using Ventbuster™ Instruments VB100-020 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 920.0 ppm, pursuant to Test ID 2022057485 performed by Laboratory Services of Hobbs, NM. Therefore, the adjusted average methane gas emission measured at this wellhead is calculated at **0.00 grams per hour (g/hour)**.¹

The State of New Mexico used the methane flow data collected by WDF to prioritize the TLSA #078 orphan well plugging under the IIJA Program and began mobilizing a contractor to location. J A Drake Well Service, Inc. of Farmington, NM was awarded the plugging contract.

WDF arrived at the TLSA #078 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 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: 0.00 g/hour.

<sup>•</sup> 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 0.000920 (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)<sup>2</sup>.

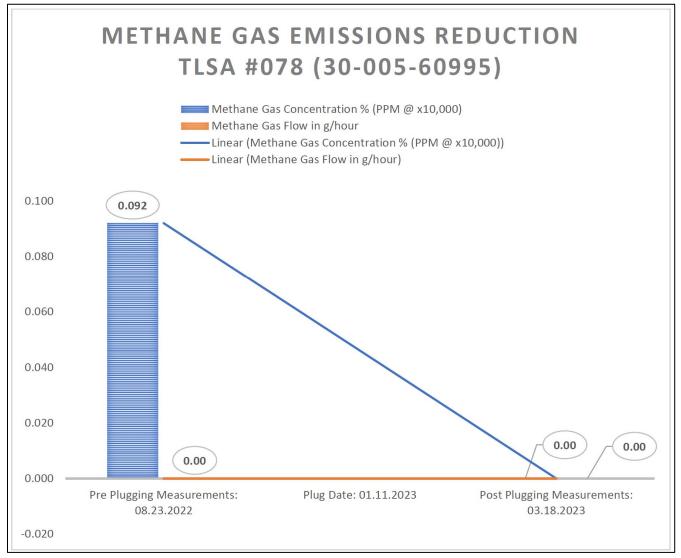


Image 2.1 – Twin Lakes San Andres #078 (30-005-60995) Methane Gas Emissions Reduction Pre Plugging to Post Plugging

### **TECHNICAL FINDINGS**

Twin Lakes San Andres #078 (30-005-60995):

- Total C1 through C6 Gas Concentration: 25,600 ppm
- Total Measured Wellhead Gas Emissions: 0.00 m3/day
- Methane Gas Concentration: 920 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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).

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# **CONCLUSIONS**

- The Twin Lakes San Andres #078 (30-005-60995) was emitting Methane gas pre-plugging 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 Twin Lakes San Andres #078 (30-005-60995) presented 0.00 ppm of Methane gas emissions from field gas tests and laboratory analysis of WDF collected gas samples.

# **FIELD NOTES**

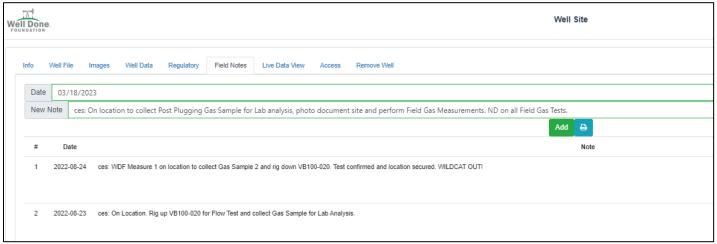


Image 3.1 – TLSA #078 (30-005-60995) Field Notes from WDF Well Intel™ Orphan Well Project Management IoT



1) TLSA #078 - Wellhead



2) TLSA #078 - Orphan Well Methane Measurement



3) TLSA #078 - Post Plug Gas Sample



4) TLSA #078 - Post Plug Field Gas Sample



16407G	TLSA #78				TLSA #78		
Sample Point Code Sample Point Nan			nme		Sample Po	int Location	
Laboratory Services		2023066042		Tedlar Bag		CES - Spot	
Source Laboratory		Lab File No		Container Identity		Sampler	
USA		USA		USA		New Mexico	
District	District Area Name Field Name		Field Name	Facility Name			
Mar 18, 2023 15:	50		2023 15:50				
Date Sampled		Date	e Effective	Dat	te Received	Da	te Reported
		Torrand					
Ambient Temp (°F) F	low Rate (Mcf)	Analyst		Press PSI @ Temp °F Source Conditions			
Well Done Founda	tion					NG	
Operator					L	ab Source Descrip	otion
Commont	Normalized	Un-Normalized	CDM	Gro	ss Heating Value	es (Real, BTU/	ˈſft³)
Component	Mol %	Mol %	GPM	14.696 PSI @	60.00 °F	14.73 PSI	I @ 60.00 °F
H2S (H2S)	0.0000	0		Dry 1.3	Saturated 2.1	Dry 1.3	Saturated 2.1
Nitrogen (N2)	99.9380	99.9375			Ilculated Total Sa		
CO2 (CO2)	0.0370	0.03706			PA2145-16 *Calculated		
Methane (C1)	0.0000	0		Relative Den			Density Ideal
Ethane (C2)	0.0000	0	0.0000	— 0.96 Molecular		U.	.9680
Propane (C3)	0.0000	0	0.0000	28.03	356		
I-Butane (IC4)	0.0000	0	0.0000	┥ [	C6+ Group	Properties	
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N-Butane (NC4)	+			C6 - 60.000%			C8 - 10.000%
I-Pentane (IC5)	0.0000	0	0.0000		Field F		
N-Pentane (NC5)	0.0000	0	0.0000	<u> </u>			
Hexanes Plus (C6+)	0.0250	0.02544	0.0110	PROTREND STATUS:		DATA S	OURCE:
TOTAL	100.0000	100.0000	0.0110	Passed By Validato		.3 Import	ed
Method(s): Gas C6+ - GPA 2261, Extended	Gas - GPA 2286, Calculat	ions - GPA 2172		PASSED BY VALIDATE First sample taken		nposition look	ks reasonable
	Analyzer Informa	tion		VALIDATOR:			
Device Type: Gas Chromatog	raph Device	Make: Shimadz	u	Brooke Rush	NTC.		
Device Model: GC-2014	Last Ca	l Date: Feb 13, 2	2023	VALIDATOR COMMENT OK	115:		
Source Da	ate	Notes					
Brooke Rush Mar 27,	2023 2:45 pm	Methane = 0 PPM					

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DEFINITIONS

Action 209921

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Operator:	OGRID:
BLUE SKY NM, INC.	300825
7941 Katy Freeway	Action Number:
Houston, TX 77024	209921
	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	[300825] BLUE SKY NM, INC.
[API] Well Name and Number	[30-005-60995] TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #078
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	33.56106	
Longitude	-104.02830	

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)	19.7	
Average flow temperature in degrees Celsius (°C)	24.0	
Average gauge flow pressure in kilopascals (kPag)	1.3	
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