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TO: Jim Griswold, NMOCD

FROM: Curtis Shuck, Chairman

DATE: April 24, 2023

RE: O'Brien Deming 6 #001 (30-005-60634) 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 Deming 6 #001 by the WDF Measure 1 Field Team on March 18, 2023, revealed a cement-plugged orphan well, cutoff -3' below the surface with a welded monument. 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 Deming 6 #001 (30-005-60640) Orphan Well in Chaves County, NM

The Pre-Plugging Methane Flow Monitoring Test on February 18, 2022, using Ventbuster™ Instruments VB100-044 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 0.00 ppm, pursuant to Test ID 2022061836 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)**.<sup>1</sup>

The State of New Mexico used the methane flow data collected by WDF to prioritize the O'Brien Deming 6 #001 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 Deming 6 #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 H<sub>2</sub>S gasses. The post-plugging collected gas sample, analyzed by Laboratory Services, Inc. confirmed 0.00 ppm of methane gas and 0.00 ppm of H<sub>2</sub>s gas. THEREFORE, the total Methane Gas Emissions Reduction is: 0.00 g/hour.**

<sup>1</sup> Methane Calculation: 717 grams CH<sub>4</sub> per cubic meter (717 x 0.00 m<sup>3</sup>/day = 0.00 g/day total /24 = 0.00 g/hour x 0.00 (methane concentration) = **0.00 g/hour CH<sub>4</sub>**). **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/m<sup>3</sup>; 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/ft<sup>3</sup>].

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>.

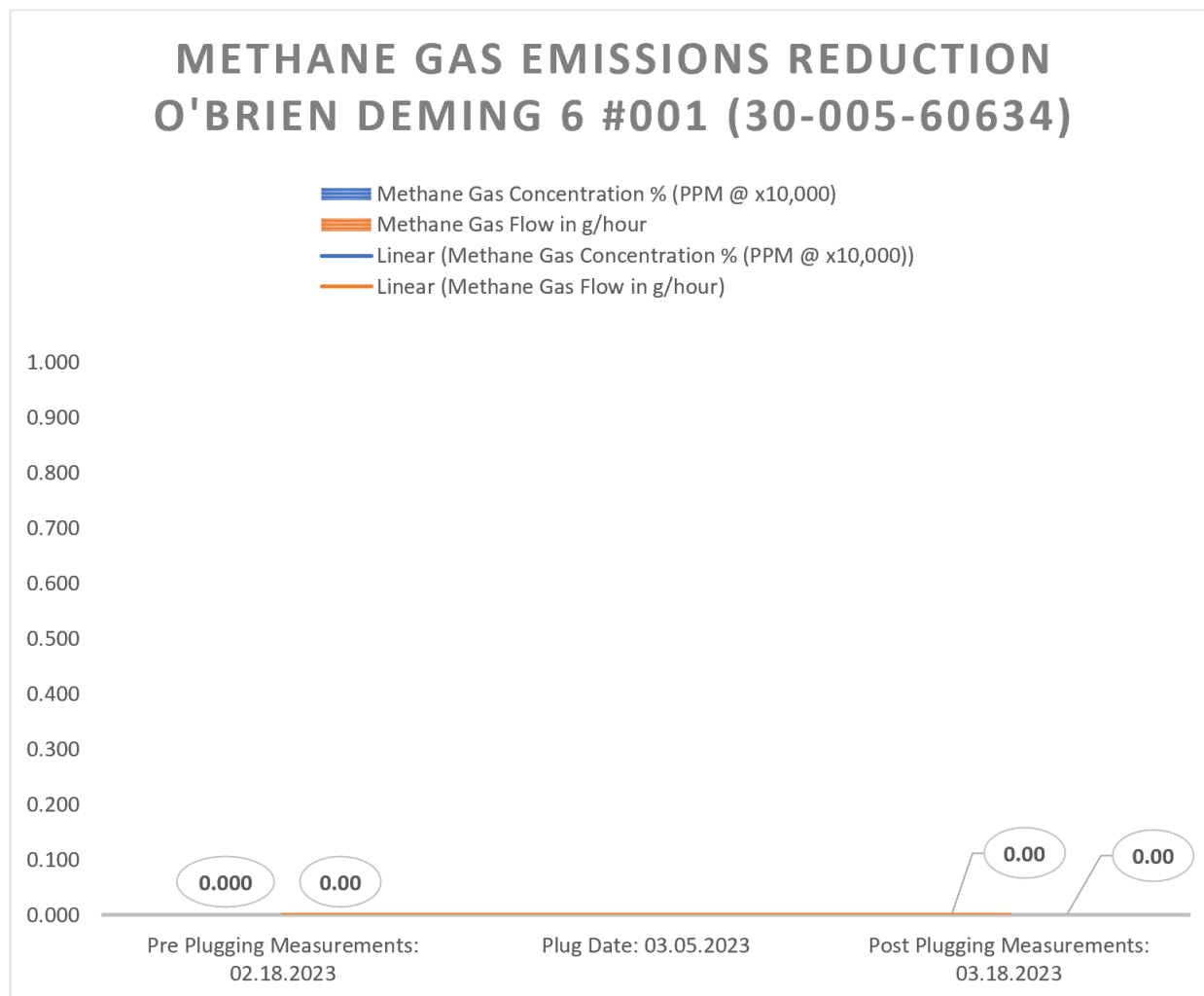


Image 2.1 – O'Brien Deming 6 #001 (30-005-60634) Methane Gas Emissions Reduction Pre-Plugging to Post-Plugging

## TECHNICAL FINDINGS

O'Brien Deming 6 #001 (30-005-60634):


- **Total C1 through C6 Gas Concentration: 5,800 ppm**
- **Total Measured Wellhead Gas Emissions: 0.00 m3/day**
- **Methane Gas Concentration: 0 ppm**
- **Calculated Average Wellhead Methane Gas Emissions: 0 g/hour**
- **Post Plugging Methane Gas Concentration: 0.00 ppm**
- **Post Plugging Methane Flow: 0.00 g/hour**

<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).

CONCLUSIONS

- The O’Brien Deming 6 #0012 (30-005-60634) was emitting Methane gas pre-plugging, at an 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 Deming 6 #001 (30-005-60634) 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 WDF Measure1 Team to perform Field Gas Analysis, collect Gas Sample for Lab Analysis and photo document site conditions - WILDCAT OUT!

Add

#	Date	Note
1	2022-12-19	Rigged down vb 44 and took gas sample
2	2022-12-18	Fgv: measure team 1 was on location @1:33 p.m. took pictures n,e,s,w also a 4 gas sample and gas sample pictures of both rigged up vb-44 and took picture of rig up

Image 3.1 – O’Brien Deming 6 #001 (30-005-60634) Field Notes from WDF Well Intel™ Orphan Well Project Management IoT

Appendix A – Site Photos for O'Brien Deming 6 #001 (30-005-60634)



1) O'Brien Deming 6 #001 – Pre Plug Methane Measurement



2) O'Brien Deming 6 #001 – Post Plugging Field Gas Analysis



3) O'Brien Deming 6 #001 – Post Plug Gas Sample



4) O'Brien Deming 6 #001 – Post Plug Green Ribbon



16408G	OBrien Demmy #6	OBrien Demmy #6	
Sample Point Code	Sample Point Name	Sample Point Location	
Laboratory Services	2023066043	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 18:00	Mar 18, 2023 18:00	Mar 24, 2023 09:46	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)	99.6620	99.661	
CO2 (CO2)	0.0440	0.044	
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+)	0.2940	0.294	0.1280
TOTAL	100.0000	99.9990	0.1280

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
15.2	15.8	15.2	15.8

Calculated Total Sample Properties	
GPA2145-16 *Calculated at Contract Conditions	
Relative Density Real	Relative Density Ideal
0.9740	0.9741
Molecular Weight	
28.2120	

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 2:45 pm	Methane = 0 PPM

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DEFINITIONS

Action 211852

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Operator: CANYON E & P COMPANY 251 O'Connor Ridge Blvd. Irving, TX 75038	OGRID: 269864
	Action Number: 211852
	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**

<b>Prerequisites</b>	
[OGRID] Well Operator	[269864] CANYON E & P COMPANY
[API] Well Name and Number	[30-005-60634] O'BRIEN DEMING 6 #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	33.642709
Longitude	-104.0313936

**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)	0.0
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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