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TO: Jim Griswold, NMOCD

FROM: Curtis Shuck, Chairman

DATE: July 23, 2023

RE: Artesia Metex #041 (30-015-2136) 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 Artesia Metex #041 by the WDF Measure 1 Field Team on June 27, 2023, revealed a cement filled casing to within 1'-6" of the surface. The WDF Measure 1 Team took site photographs, performed field gas measurements and collected a gas sample for immediate laboratory analysis.



Image 1.1 – Artesia Metex #041 (30-015-02136) Orphan Well in Eddy County, NM

The Pre-Plugging Methane Flow Calculations were conducted by the Well Done Foundation and Well Done New Mexico LLC and monitored using Ventbuster Instruments VB100-20 Series Ultra-Low Flow Meter with GPS on February 27, 2023. The Methane Concentration was measured at 6,270 ppm and Methane Flow was measured at 2.46 cfd. Therefore, the adjusted average methane gas emission measured at this wellhead is calculated at 0.01 grams per hour (g/hour).<sup>1</sup>

The State of New Mexico used the methane flow data collected by WDF to prioritize the Artesia Metex #041 orphan well plugging under the III A Program and began mobilizing a contractor to location. A-Plus P&A Well Service, Inc. of Farmington, NM was awarded the plugging contract.

WDF arrived at the Artesia Metex #041 location on June 27, 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 samples, analyzed by Laboratory Services, Inc. confirmed 0.00 ppm or methane gas and 0.00 ppm of H<sub>2</sub>s gas. THEREFORE, the total Methane Gas Emissions Reduction is: 0.01 g/hour.

<sup>1</sup> Methane Calculation: 717 grams CH<sub>4</sub> per cubic meter (717 x 0.07 m<sup>3</sup>/day = 50.19 g/day total /24 = 2.09 g/hour x 0.006270 (methane concentration) = **0.01 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>].



## Test Report

Start Date: Mon Feb 27 2023 20:25:00 GMT+0000 (Coordinated Universal Time)  
End Date: Tue Feb 28 2023 18:19:21 GMT+0000 (Coordinated Universal Time)  
Device: V8100-0020  
Well Licensee: 30-015-02136  
Well Name: Artesia Metex 041  
UWI: 30-015-02136  
Well License Number: 30-015-02136  
Surface Location: State of NM  
Bottom Hole Location: Unknown

Test Operator: Sean O. Jacobson  
Authorized By: State of NM  
Test Reason: IUA Pre Plugging  
Scope Of Work: 12 Hour  
AFE Number: 52100-0000072986  
GPS: 32.72092,-104.22246  
Notes: GTG  
Prepared By: Curtis Shuck

## Flow / Pressure Test

### Flow Duration

21 hrs 53 minutes

Duration

### Average Flowrate

2.4606

cfd

### Average Pressure

0.3132

psig

### Average Flow Temperature

56.5499

\*F

### Average CH4 Mass

0.01 g/hr

**Methane Calculation:** 717 grams CH4 per cubic meter ( $717 \text{ g/m}^3 \times 0.0697 \text{ m}^3/\text{day} = 49.97 \text{ g/day total} / 24 = 2.08 \text{ g/hour} \times 0.00627 \text{ (methane concentration)} = 0.01 \text{ g/hour CH4}$ ). **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/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 0.0448 pound per cubic foot [lb/ft<sup>3</sup>], or 0.0004144 ounce per cubic inch [oz/inch<sup>3</sup>].

## Flow / Pressure / Temperature Timeseries

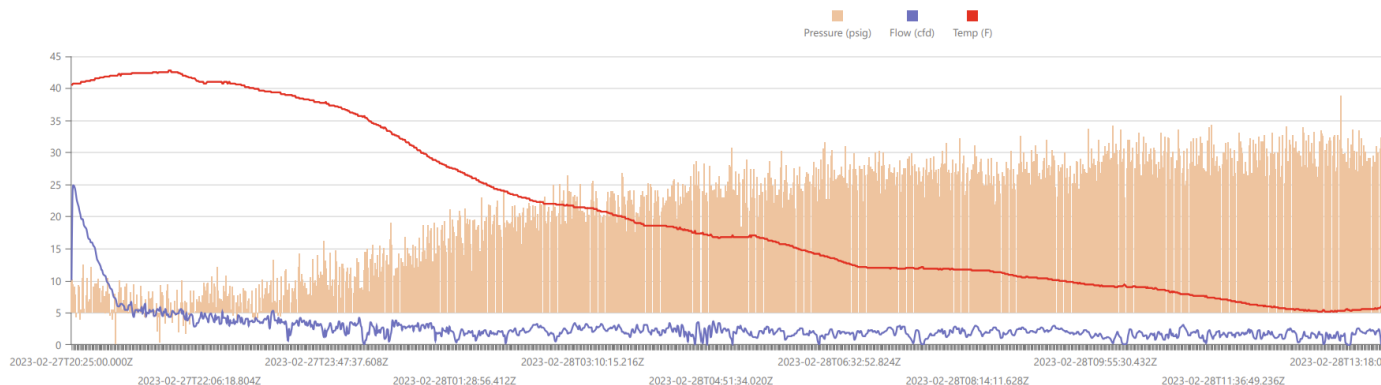


Image 2.1 – Artesia Metex #041 Pre Plugging Test Report

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>.

<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).

## METHANE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION ARTESIA METEX #041 (30-015-02136)

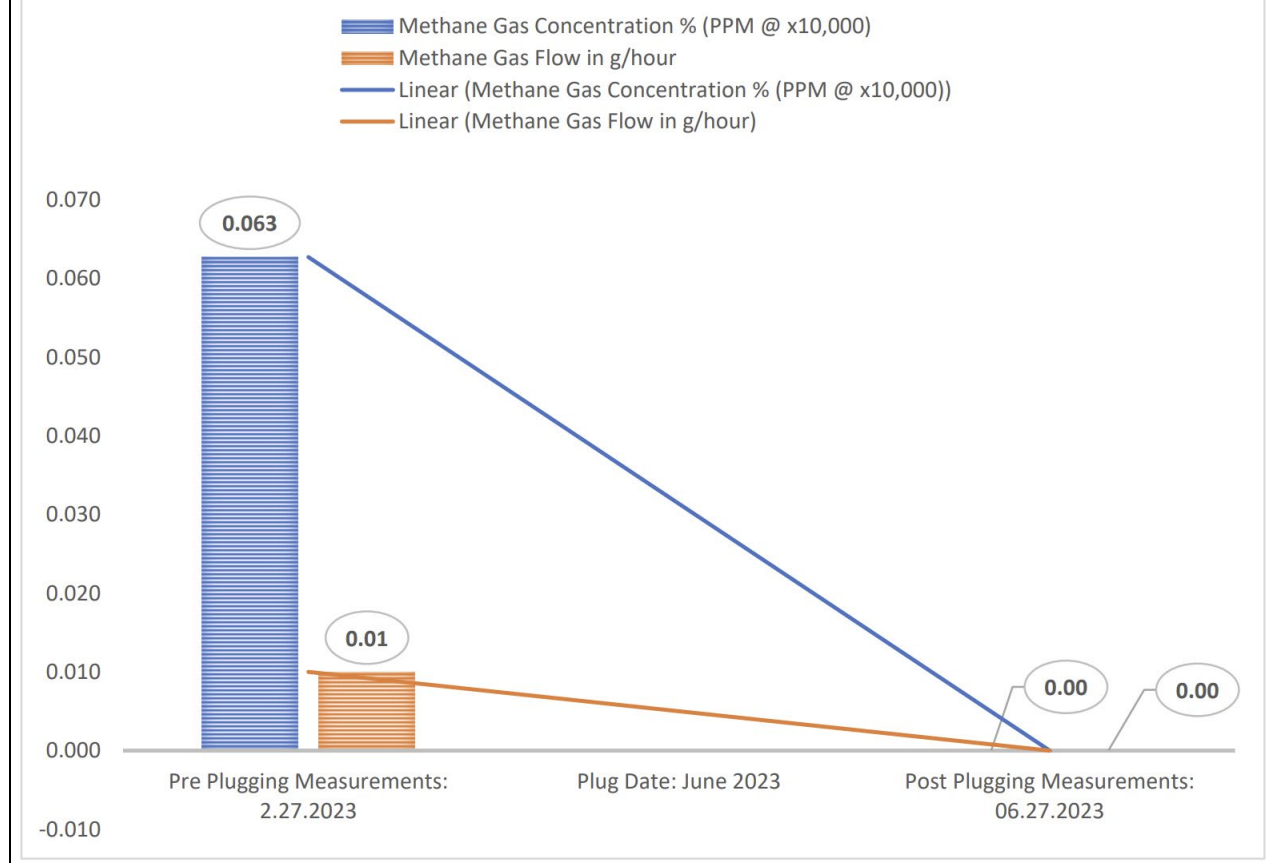


Image 3.1 – Artesia Metex #041 (30-015-02136) Methane Gas Emissions Reduction Pre Plugging to Post Plugging

### TECHNICAL FINDINGS

Artesia Metex #041 (30-015-02136):

- Total C1 through C6 Gas Concentration: 10,220 ppm
- Total Measured Wellhead Gas Emissions: 0.07 m<sup>3</sup>/day
- Methane Gas Concentration: 6,270 ppm
- Calculated Average Wellhead Methane Gas Emissions: 0.01 g/hour
- Post Plugging Methane Gas Concentration: 0.00 ppm
- Post Plugging Methane Flow: 0.00 g/hour

### CONCLUSIONS

- The Artesia Metex #041 (30-015-02136) was emitting Methane gas pre-plugging at the average rate of 0.01 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 Artesia Metex #041 (30-015-02136) 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 | 2023-06-27 | ces: On location with the WDF Measure 1 Team. Take site photos, inspect cement, perform Field Gas Analysis, collect Gas Sample for Laboratory analysis, place green ribbon on well bore. WILDCAT OUT!  |
| 2 | 2023-03-11 | Arrived ~11:50am 3/11/2023. Rigged down flow test. SP VB #44   |
| 3 | 2023-03-10 | Arrived 12:47pm3/10/2023. Rigged up flow test. SP VB #44   |
| 4 | 2023-02-28 | Arrived 12:45pm 2/28/2023. Rigged down flow test.  |
| 5 | 2023-02-27 | Arrived 11:18am 2/27/2023. Rigged up Ventbuster #20 for flow testing.  |
| 6 | 2022-07-29 | ces: gas at this well. The well head casing has been cemented with a 4 x 5' concrete pad surrounding the casing vent and the well head. 2 3/8" casing above the slips to an old school gas valve. This is a gas well. Good access. Steel flow lines. |

Image 4.1 – Artesia Metex #041 (30-015-02136) Field Notes from WDF Well Intel™ Orphan Well Project Management IoT





1) Artesia Metex #041 – Cement



2) Artesia Metex #041 – Gas Sample



3) Artesia Metex #041 – Ribbon



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## C6+ Gas Analysis Report

|                             |                           |                           |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>17422G</b>               | <b>Open Casing</b>        | <b>Artesia Metex #41</b>  |   |
| Sample Point Code           | Sample Point Name         | Sample Point Location     |   |
| <b>Laboratory Services</b>  | <b>2023070984</b>         | <b>Tedlar Bag</b>         | <b>CES - Spot</b>                               |
| Source Laboratory           | Lab File No               | Container Identity        | Sampler   |
| <b>USA</b>                  | <b>USA</b>                | <b>USA</b>                | <b>New Mexico</b>                               |
| District                    | Area Name                 | Field Name                | Facility Name                                   |
| <b>Jun 27, 2023 17:15</b>   | <b>Jun 27, 2023 17:15</b> | <b>Jun 28, 2023 13:14</b> | <b>Jul 5, 2023</b>                              |
| Date Sampled                | Date Effective            | Date Received             | Date Reported                                   |
| <b>System Administrator</b> |                           |                           |   |
| <b>Ambient Temp (°F)</b>    | <b>Flow Rate (Mcf)</b>    | <b>Analyst</b>            | <b>Press PSI @ Temp °F</b><br>Source Conditions |
| <b>Well Done Foundation</b> |                           | <b>NG</b>                 |   |
| Operator                    |                           | Lab Source Description    |   |

| Component          | Normalized Mol % | Un-Normalized Mol % | GPM    |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|
| H2S (H2S)          | 0.0000           | 0                   |        |
| Nitrogen (N2)      | 99.6870          | 99.686              |        |
| CO2 (CO2)          | 0.0360           | 0.036               |        |
| 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+) | 0.2770           | 0.277               | 0.1200 |
| TOTAL              | 100.0000         | 99.9990             | 0.1200 |

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 |
| 14.2                                 | 14.9                  | 14.2 | 14.9      |

| Calculated Total Sample Properties            |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| GPA2145-16 *Calculated at Contract Conditions |                        |
| Relative Density Real                         | Relative Density Ideal |
| 0.9735  | 0.9736                 |
| Molecular Weight                              |                        |
| 28.1997                                       |                        |

| C6+ Group Properties |              |              |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Assumed Composition  |              |              |
| C6 - 60.000%         | C7 - 30.000% | C8 - 10.000% |

|           |
|-----------|
| Field H2S |
| 0 PPM     |

**PROTREND STATUS:**

Passed By Validator on Jul 7, 2023

**DATA SOURCE:**

Imported

**PASSED BY VALIDATOR REASON:**

First sample taken @ this point, composition looks reasonable

**VALIDATOR:**

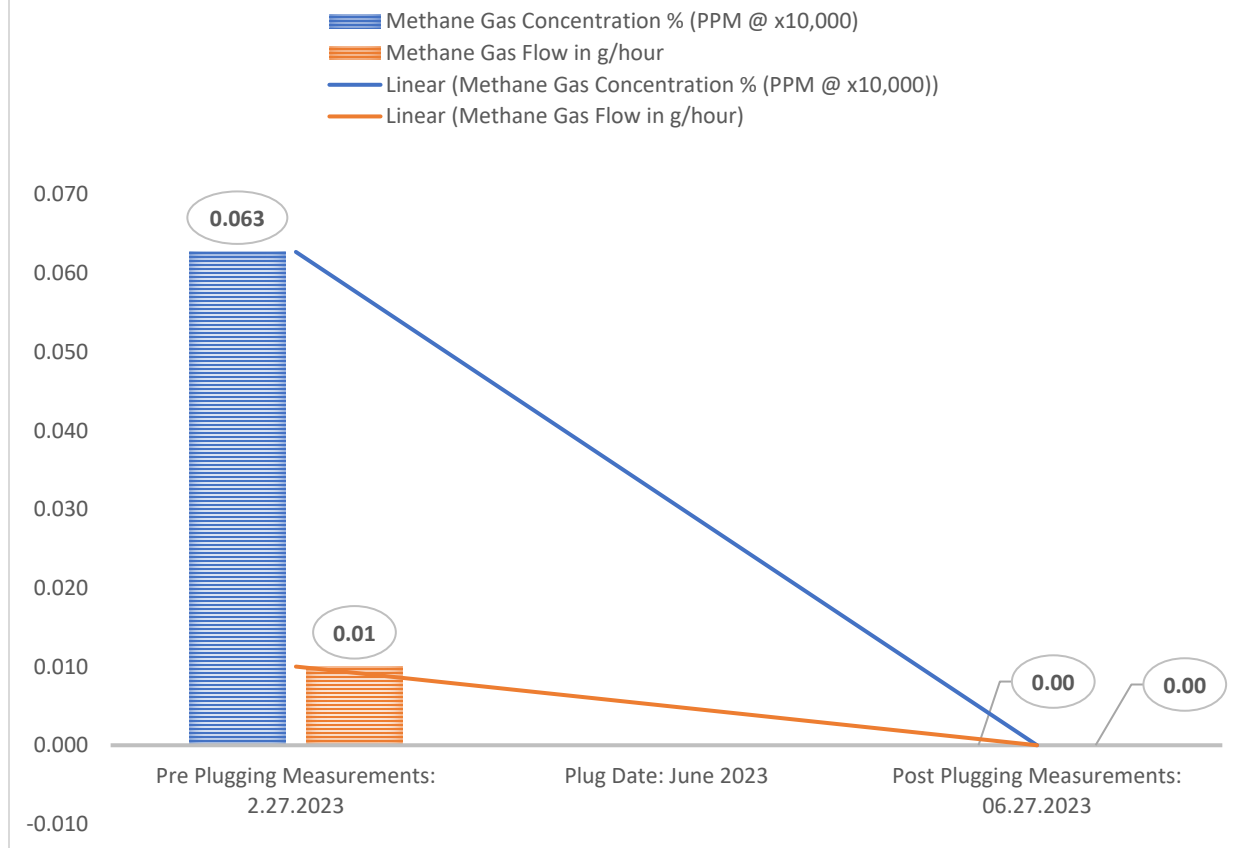
. Rush

**VALIDATOR COMMENTS:**

OK

| Source | Date                 | Notes           |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------|
| . Rush | Jul 7, 2023 12:02 pm | Methane = 0 ppm |

## METHANE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION ARTESIA METEX #041 (30-015-02136)







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DEFINITIONS

Action 243474

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|---|--|
| Operator:<br>CANYON E & P COMPANY<br>251 O'Connor Ridge Blvd.<br>Irving, TX 75038 | OGRID:<br>269864   |
|   | Action Number:<br>243474   |
|   | Action Type:<br>[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**

|                            |  |
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| <b>Prerequisites</b>       |  |
| [OGRID] Well Operator      | [269864] CANYON E & P COMPANY          |
| [API] Well Name and Number | [30-015-02136] ARTESIA METEX UNIT #041 |
| 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 | 06/27/2023                   |
| Latitude           | 32.7209206                   |
| Longitude          | -104.2224121                 |

**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)  | 38.9  |
| 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 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|