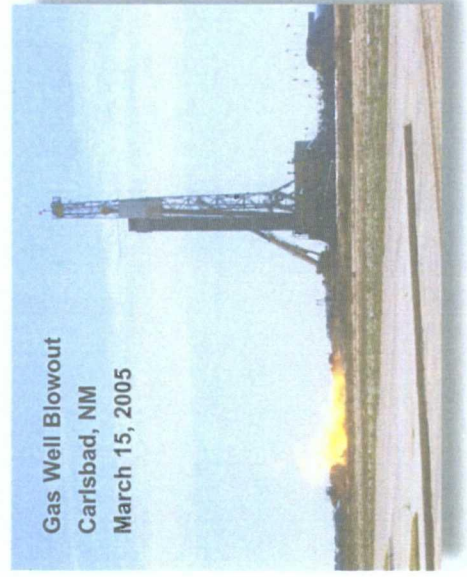
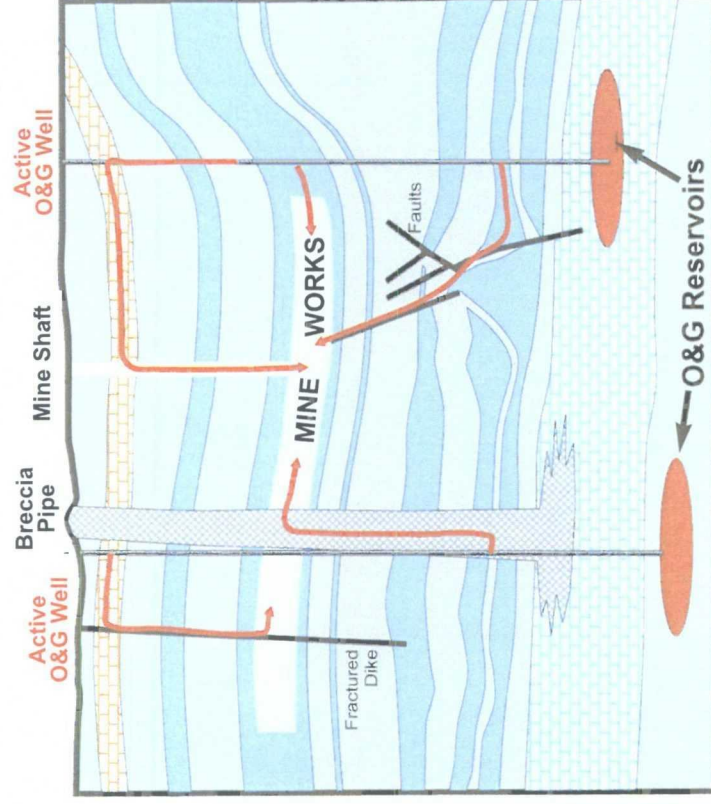


POTENTIAL GAS PATHWAYS TO THE MINE FROM ACTIVE WELLS

Gas that has escaped a well casing from an active well damaged by subsidence can migrate into the potash mine via various pathways, such as along the well bore, a mine or ventilation shaft, or naturally occurring geologic formations. Well casings also fail because of defective construction or sudden pressure spikes, releasing uncontrollable gas flow called blowouts.



Gas Well Blowout
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