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Subject: Closure Denied - COG - Tatanka Federal Com #4 (Incident #NRM2006556242)

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Brittany,

We have received your closure report and final C-141 for <u>Incident #NRM2006556242</u> Tatanka Federal Com #4H, thank you. This closure is denied.

- The release was caused by a overflow heater sending oil to the LP flare.
- No fluid was recovered due to the fire burning off and standing fluid. The release resulted in a flare fire on the pad.
- No crude oil liquids were recovered. The pad will need to be sampled to see if contaminants are present. If contaminants are present, please delineate the release and submit a remediation plan.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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