
From: Andrews, David
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 4:29 PM
To: Spry ORourke, Linda
Cc: Browning, Chuck; Onyskiw, Denise
Subject: FW: Leaking abandoned well Montrose county, Olathe area
Attachments: OlatheOrphan-08505039.pptx; Inspection2003091.pdf

Linda,

COGCC's file documentation for this well indicates that it was converted from a DA well to a water well, and the landowner assumed ownership of the well. See Document Nos. 977000, 977005, 977007, 977008 and 977000. Also see DWR Receipt No. 9112070, Permit No. 9993. This well is no longer within the jurisdiction of COGCC for ultimate plugging and abandonment, per Rule 319.a.(7). It is the landowner's responsibility to plug and abandon the well in accordance with CDWR requirements if the landowner is no longer using the well.

I suggest that we delete or modify the existing 5/2/2011 and 3/29/2011 field inspection reports (entered by you and Chuck, respectively), because they are designated "unsatisfactory" and "Violation = Yes." This situation appears to be "satisfactory" with "no violations" or not our jurisdiction – no field inspection reports necessary, based on my desk review of the well file. I can copy this email to the well file, if you think it helps as a final determination on jurisdiction.

Thanks,

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Dave and Denise,

Chuck identified this well during inspections and thought I should take a look at it.

It is leaking water. I did not have a gas meter, so don't know if it's leaking gas. I tried to locate the company name via Google and could not come up with any drilling company in Collinsville Oklahoma.

From the leaking water side, the good news is that the water is not likely making it into waters of the state. The well's on a hill, bedrock is Mancos Shale, and the pool seems to be evaporating as opposed to running off the hill. I will try to get out there soon with the LEL meter to check potential gas leakage.

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COGIS - Field Inspection Report

	
API Number: 05-085-05039	Name: FRANK MEAKER #1
Location: SWSW 32 50N 9W	Lat: 38.548044 Long: -107.908279
Operator #:	Operator Name: E & M DRILLING CO
Inspection Date: 5/2/2011	Inspector: LINDA SPRY OROURKE

Inspection was: **Unsatisfactory**

Insp. Type: ES	Insp. Stat: TA	Reclamation (Pass, Interim or Fail): P&A (Pass/Fail):	UIC Violation Type:
Brhd. Pressure:	Inj. Pressure:	T-C Ann. Pressure:	Date Remedied:
Violation: Y	NOAV Sent: N	Date Corrective Action Due:	

Field Inspection Comments and Observations

Insp. Comment	Inspection/Violation Comments
ACTION	WELL NEEDS TO BE PROPERLY PLUGGED AND ABANDONED.
FENCECOMMENT	WELL IS NE OF DRIVEWAY TO HOME, NO FENCING
FIREWALL	WATER IS COLLECTING IN LOW SPOT AROUND WELL, APPEARS TO BE CONTAINED IN LOW SPOT
GENHOUSE	DEBRIS (PVC, METAL PIPING, MISC) IN AREA AROUND WELL; MAY BE FROM HOME.
SPILCOM	WELL IS LEAKING WATER, POSSIBLY GAS. CATTAILS IN PONDED AREA APPROXIMATELY 20' BY 6'. TUBING FROM WELL DISCHARGING WATER TO POND. NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF GAS, BUT NOT CHECKED WITH METER. LOCATION ON TOP OF HILL, IN MANCOS SHALE, SO THREAT TO WATER BODIES IS MINIMAL. APPEARS THAT WATER EVAPORATES OR SEEPS INTO SHALE TO MAINTAIN WATER LEVEL IN DEPRESSION.
SURFRH	SURFACE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE HAD MANY CHANGES SINCE DRILLING. WEEDS AND DISTURBED AREA PLANTS SURROUND WELLHEAD UP TO DRIVEWAY.
WELLSIGN	UNSIGNED. WELL IN DRIVE OF 63490 INA ROAD, HOME IS ON TOP OF A HILL. WELL MAY BE AN OPHAN.