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Re: Margaret Spaulding #15; API 05-057-06112, Lone Pine Field Spill/Release Notification

1 message

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Wed, Dec 16, 2020 at 11:39 AM

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Colton,

I want to give you an update of the Margaret Spaulding 15 well (API 05-057-06112) in the Lone Pine field.

Last Saturday, December 12, 2020, the COGCC mobilized a crew to the field where a leak was found in the polish rod liner above the wellhead. They were able to remove the failed piece and replace it with a plug. The polish rod liner is a wear sleeve around the actual polish rod which is the uppermost piece of the rod string that connects the pumping unit on the surface to the pump at the bottom of the well. There is a seal at the wellhead that allows the polish rod to move up and down and contain the fluids in the well. The polish rod and liner on this well no longer go through the wellhead and the opening has been secured with a steel plug. No cattle were involved. The field was inspected and no other issues were identified. The COGCC will continue to monitor the field on a periodic basis.

Regards,
Alex

On Tue, Dec 8, 2020 at 4:14 PM Fischer - DNR, Alex <alex.fischer@state.co.us> wrote:

Mr. Miller,

On December 8, 2020, the COGCC and their fencing contractor were at the Lone Pine field to repair fences around the Pit Facility complexes. COGCC Staff was also conducting inspections at the well facilities. At approximately 11:15 a.m. COGCC Staff observed an on-going release at the Margaret Spaulding #15, API 05-057-06112. The release is at the polish rod liner above the stuffing box where freeze/thaw apparently caused the liner to split. The COGCC is working on stopping the release. This appears to be greater than the 1 bbl reporting threshold, and as a result, you are being notified.

- Volume of release is approximately 1-5 bbls.
- Fluids released are water under artesian pressure.
- All fluids have remained on location.
- A patch has been placed around the area of the release, but that has not stopped the release 100%.
- The release is not flowing consistently and estimated to be approximately 1/3 gallon per minute.
- A spill report will be filed by the COGCC.
- The COGCC will be collecting sample(s) to confirm the impacted area has been remediated to the COGCC Rules and standards.
- The COGCC will keep you apprised of activities.

Regards,

Alex

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