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**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

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Inspection Date:  
12/09/2016  
Submitted Date:  
12/11/2016  
Document Number:  
674300797

**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID 322394 Inspector Name: Spencer, Stan On-Site Inspection  2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_

**Status Summary:**  
 THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION  
 FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED  
 NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED

**Operator Information:**  
OGCC Operator Number: 64310  
Name of Operator: NORTHSTAR GAS COMPANY INC  
Address: PO BOX 440789  
City: HOUSTON State: TX Zip: 77244

**Findings:**  
4 Number of Comments  
1 Number of Corrective Actions  
 Corrective Action Response Requested

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**General Comment:**

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Arrive on location 12/9 am. Weather is 33F and cloudy. Met with BLM staff including: Bob Harman, Jim Byers, Ed Fancher and Carmia Woolley. Operator's cleanup crew does not arrive. Well is still venting both east and west from uncapped valves. Oily mist has blown over steep cutbank (~20' vertical) into Trail Creek onto ice and snow on partially frozen surface. Work with BLM staff to shovel oily snow from creek and bank and deposit in unlined pit south of wellhead. Residual contamination remains impacting soil and vegetation ~100 ft in both directions from wellhead. Difficult to assess volume of spill. Leave site 12:30 pm. Received notice from BLM ~ 3pm that wellhead and been capped and venting stopped. No communication from operator on 12/9.

**Environmental**

**Spills/Releases:**

Type of Spill: PRODUCED WATER

Estimated Spill Volume: \_\_\_\_\_

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Corrective Action: **Submit F-19 spill report within 24 hrs. Notify CDPHE WQCD of impact to Waters of the State of Colorado. Assess nature and extent of contamination with confirmation surface water and soil samples. Remediate to Table 910-1 standards and provide documentation in a either a Supplemental F-19 if cleaned up immediately and/or F-27 if extended remediation is required. Documentation must include a figure showing spill area with sample locations plus laboratory results. Also include any information that operator has available concerning well failure analysis and any data concerning the root causes of the release.**

Date: 12/30/2016

Reportable: YES

GPS: Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

Proximity to Surface Water: 0

Depth to Ground Water: \_\_\_\_\_

**Water Well Complaint:**

DWR Receipt Num: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS : \_\_\_\_\_ Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Parameters:**

Sample Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attached Documents**

You can go to COGCC Images (<https://cogcc.state.co.us/weblink/>) and search by document number:

Document Num	Description	URL
674300797	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024867">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024867</a>
674300798	looking west towards creek	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024569">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024569</a>
674300799	looking east towards Hwy 139	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024570">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024570</a>
674300800	Trail Creek looking west	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024571">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024571</a>
674300801	Trail Creek looking south	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024572">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024572</a>
674300802	East bank of Trail Creek	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024573">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4024573</a>