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

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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:

Site inspection due to a report on 12/8 from Bob Hartman of BLM that wellhead was venting from two valves on east and west side. Contacted the operator, Ken McKenny, via email that "if this release exceeds 1 bbl, COGCC requires a spill report on Form-19 in electronic format within 24 hrs". Mr. McKenny responded that he would have a crew on location on 12/9. He also noted that "all of our wells have been shut-in since early 2016. We are and have been actively trying to sell them. The company does not have any funds of any kind as I explained to the DNR rep i spoke with. I am trying to prevent filing bankruptcy, but if that is our only option, we will have to go that route."

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.

