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FIR RESOLUTION FORM

CA Summary:

1 of 1 CAs from the FIR responded to on this Form

1 CA Completed
0 Factual Review Request

OPERATOR INFORMATION

OGCC Operator Number: 96155
Name of Operator: WHITING OIL & GAS CORPORATION
Address: 1700 BROADWAY STE 2300
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COGCC INSPECTION SUMMARY:

FIR Document Number: 680102060
Inspection Date: 07/21/2017 FIR Submit Date: 08/04/2017 FIR Status:

Inspected Operator Information:

Company Name: EQUITY OIL CO Company Number: 27900
Address: 1700 BROADWAY STE 2300
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80290-1703

LOCATION - Location ID: 398903

Location Name: CAL-UP-62N102W Number: 29NWSW County: RIO BLANCO
Qtrqr: NWS Sec: 29 Twp: 2N Range: 102W Meridian: 6
Latitude: 40.112835 Longitude: -108.875766

FACILITY - API Number: 05-103-00 Facility ID: 232332

Facility Name: CAL-UP Number: 26-E
Qtrqr: NWS Sec: 29 Twp: 2N Range: 102W Meridian: 6
Latitude: 40.112835 Longitude: -108.875766

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

1 ☒ CA# 89945

Corrective Action: Verify that Well is Plugged and Abandoned or Plug & Abandon Well. Contact COGCC NW Area Engineer to discuss Well status.

Date: 10/31/2017

Response: CA COMPLETED

Date of Completion: 03/16/2018

Waiting for text

Operator
Comment:

COGCC Decision: Approved pending re-inspection

COGCC Representative: Follow up inspection will be Conducted in late Summer / Fall of 2018. Operator appears to be moving forward with Plugging of Well.

OPERATOR COMMENT AND SUBMITTAL

Comment: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (WOGC) has reviewed what is reputed to be the Cal UP 26E well site. There is no access road or location or identifying information, just a piece of casing coming out of the ground. The state's COGIS system states Cal UP 26E was plugged prior to 1991 and its status on the state's records in 2-25-2000 was plugged and abandoned. However, the state has no record of the actual plugging of the well in the accessible records. There is no identification on the casing or well site to show the casing sticking up is the Cal UP 26E well. Whiting has no inhouse records on this well as it was supposed to be plugged prior to WOGC acquiring Equity Oil Company by merger. Therefore, it is uncertain if this is even the Equity Cal UP 26E well casing, but it is located approximately where the well was stated to be, although with older wells they can be located at substantially different locations than the records indicate. The dry hole markers surrounding the well will be cleaned and inspected this week to see if they shed any light on the record inconsistencies.

WOGC's field personnel state there is no cement at surface in the casing sticking out of the ground so if this is the Cal UP 26E, and if it was plugged by Equity Oil, it appears the surface plug has fallen back or failed in some manner. Assuming this is determined to be the Cal UP 26E casing, WOGC will have to ascertain what the conditions in the well really are to submit a plugging plan. As the state's field inspector is aware, the casing is directly under a power line that is about 10 feet off the ground or less at the wellhead. That makes working on the well impossible with conventional equipment until this problem is remedied. Moon Lake, the local utility, will have to divert the power line to allow even a small rig to get on the hole. This will likely impact power to the Chevron Rangely Unit office. Moon Lake plans to divert the Chevron power supply line, probably south of the site onto a pole or poles. That will require their coordination with Chevron. The conversations to accomplish this have already occurred with Moon Lake. WOGC cannot say with certainty what Moon Lake's time frame will be, but WOGC believes the line move is about 60 days off. This is not going to cause any real delay as the ground is too wet to allow rig access currently as there is no road or location. Without surfacing the site needs to be very dry to allow access. WOGC believes conditions will be right to start work in late May or early June which gives Moon Lake about 60 days to get the line move arranged. This assumes Chevron cooperates and there are no major issues.

Once the line is diverted WOGC will confirm the accessible well depth, the well is at least in part open-hole, so it is uncertain what plug back depth will be due to fill, plug backs for water control, etc. Once WOGC knows the well conditions, it will submit a final plugging plan to COGCC for the well consistent with state regulations.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Print Name: Cara Mezydlo

Signed: _____

Title: Engineering Tech

Date: 3/27/2018 11:33:40 AM

ATTACHMENT LIST

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