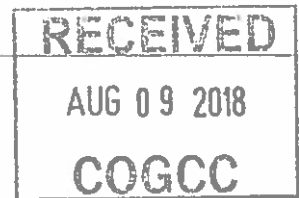


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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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Re: Debra Sauer Complaint at Commission Document No. 200446018

Dear Mr. Deranleau:

This letter is sent following my letter of July 6, 2018 regarding excessive levels of natural gas (methane) found in the drinking water of Debra and Daniel Sauer, who live in Hudson, Colorado. The water in their home was catching on fire (photos attached).

You promptly called me in response to my letter and advised that many Anadarko wells in the area had tested positive for biogenic gas, which is naturally occurring methane unrelated to oil and gas production. You also recommended that Ms. Sauer submit a complaint to the Commission to assist with its internal tracking of the issue. Accordingly, Ms. Sauer submitted her above-referenced complaint on July 6. Should you need to review it, the Commission filed my letter with Ms. Sauer's complaint.

You called me again the following week to advise that Ms. Sauer's water well tested positive for thermogenic gas, which is methane related to oil and gas production. Thereafter, Anadarko delivered a 1,500 gallon cistern to the Sauers' home as a temporary drinking water solution.

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP (referred to herein as "Anadarko") drilled one well to the Niobrara formation within 250 feet of the Sauers' property in October, 2017. Commission records also show that Anadarko spud eight more horizontal wells to the Codell and Niobrara formations beneath or within 250 feet of the Sauers' property in May and early June, 2018. The Sauers noticed that the methane in their water got worse in late May and early June, 2018.

K. P. Kauffman Company ("KPK") operates an old (1985) vertical well drilled to the J-Sand and Codell formations within 70 feet of the Sauers' property and exactly 53 feet from one of Anadarko's horizontal wells. According to Commission records, its surface casing is only 211 feet deep, whereas the Sauers' water well acquires groundwater from the Laramie-Fox Hills aquifer, located between 775 feet and 1050 feet deep. Further, available Commission records show that the KPK well was not plugged or shut-in during Anadarko's horizontal drilling in October, 2017 or when

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Anadarko began spudding additional wells in May, 2018. Commission records also show that KPK shut-in its well after receipt of my July 6, 2018 letter, which copied KPK's counsel.

On July 16, 2018, I invited the Commission and Anadarko to participate in a call regarding this matter. Anadarko refused and the Commission failed to respond. On August 6, 2018, Anadarko indicated via email that it tested one active well within a ¼-mile radius of the Sauers' water well, pursuant to the scope of the Commission's investigation. According to Anadarko, the tested substances do not match the methane detected in the Sauers' water well. It is unclear as to whether Anadarko considers its testing complete. It is also unclear as to why there has been no response from KPK filed with Ms. Sauer's complaint.

The Sauers await an update regarding the status of their complaint, filed more than one month ago. And while the Sauers are grateful they have not had to evacuate their home yet, they await a proposal from Anadarko and/or KPK to resolve the methane leak issue that has caused them to suffer safety risk and substantial home and property value depreciation.

At the Commission's soonest convenience, please advise as to: (1) the status of the Commission's investigation, (2) the source of the methane in the Sauers' water, (3) whether the water well was tested for other contaminants associated with methane leaks, such as benzene, and (4) the extent of testing in the surrounding area to determine the scope of the methane leak and effect on the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SLP", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven Louis-Prescott, Esq.

cc: Jeffrey Fiske, Esq. (for KMOG)
Kelsey Wasylenky, Esq. (for KPK)
Deb Sauer





