



Fwd: Caerus Historic Project Inquiry – COGCC Document #2524063 K4C

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Caerus Spill #2524063

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Subject: Caerus Historic Project Inquiry – COGCC Document #2524063 K4C

To: Arauza - DNR, Steven <steven.arauza@state.co.us>

Cc: Brett Middleton <bmiddleton@caerusoilandgas.com>

Steven,

I have prepared this email to provide you with an update and request guidance concerning a historical spill project that needs to be addressed for closure. The project is associated with the K4C Well Pad (COGCC Location ID 334623) and the attached Form 19 Document # 2524063.

The 48-barrel (bbl) condensate release occurred on 01/09/2011 when a tank valve was either partially frozen or was not closed completely during oil transfer, causing the tank to drain through the valve when temperatures increased. All fluids were contained within the lined steel berm secondary containment of the tank battery. A water truck was able to recover 46 bbl of the released fluids. The historical operator of the location reported intent to conduct a hot oil treatment within the secondary containment to remove remaining material and staining following initial cleanup actions. No samples associated with this release were collected. Since the release, the COGCC has conducted and documented eight (8) site inspections at the location. The inspection document numbers are as follows:

1 – 663800918

2 – 666800990

3 – 666802611

4 – 666803901

5 – 689300803

6 – 689303254

7 – 700700010

8 – 700701459

None of the inspections note deficiencies associated with the tank battery containment or surface staining in the vicinity of the tank battery. All inspections can be found in the COGIS database using COGCC Location ID 334623.

Based on the initial response to the release and the series of documented COGCC inspections, this spill was successfully remediated and should be closed. Any additional investigation of the release does not seem reasonable or necessary based on the fact that sampling of the area will be conducted during the required COGCC Rule 911.a.(4) site investigation at the time of facility decommissioning and final reclamation.

Please let me know if you agree with Caerus' assessment and approach to administratively close the spill within secondary containment which occurred in 2011.

Thank you,

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