

In 2015, Renegade purchased 5 wells located in Adams County from Foundation Energy Management. During the Form 10 transfer of operatorship process, 2 wells were flagged as having pits, even though there were seemingly no pits on these wells. This confusion delayed the Form 10 process and the 2 wells, including the UPRR 48 Pan Am H #1, are still in Foundations name.

It was determined in the spring of 2021 that there may have been a pit at the UPRR 48 H well, and COGC staff instructed Renegade to file a Form 27 and investigate the situation. Renegade did so and was assigned Remediation Project # 17127.

In the summer of 2021, Renegade began this investigation with a small backhoe digging out an area that may or may not have been a pit or a concrete vault within the firewalls. Based on the history of the well, we did not expect to find much in the way of contamination. We were wrong and, unfortunately, unprepared for what was actually buried there.

Contaminated soil and one-half (the bottom half) of a buried concrete vault was discovered. We dug out as much as we could with the smaller backhoe, segregating the soils on the very flat and isolated surface of the tank battery.

Renegade found a larger extended reach backhoe and returned at a later date to remove the pieces and parts of the buried concrete vault.

At the end of the second day, it was determined that a track hoe would be required to finish removing any contaminated soil prior to sampling the walls and bottom of the excavation.

Weather and contractor and equipment availability have delayed our return to the project.

While we still have not found a track hoe, we did return and began hauling the concrete away on January 27, 2022.

We will prioritize and expedite this project in order to finish the excavation and testing as soon as possible.

There was and is no threat to public health or the environment. Ground water was never encountered as the site sits on a 40' bluff above the nearest dry streambed.

Onsite treatment of the excavated and contaminated soil for use as fill material will be considered as part of the remediation and reclamation of this vault.