

October 27, 2023

Mr. Cody VanderBusch
Reclamation Specialist
600 E Boulevard Avenue – Dept 405
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Abandoned wellhead post-plug assessment

Dear Mr. VanderBusch:

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has completed the post-plug methane assessments at 73 wellheads in accordance with the November 29, 2022 Interagency Agreement. From the original 90 wellheads listed in the agreement, it is understood that 17 wellheads will no longer be plugged, those wellheads have been taken off the list and were not surveyed. 65 wellheads in Bottineau & Renville counties were surveyed August 30th and 31st, 5 wellheads in Burke County were surveyed on September 13th, one wellhead in McKenzie County was surveyed on October 11, and a final two wellheads were surveyed in Bottineau County on October 24th, all in 2023. No methane or other hydrocarbon/VOC emissions were observed by the Department at the 73 wellheads surveyed. No gas monitor readings were taken due to a lack of observable emissions, only OGI videos are available for each post-plug wellhead surveyed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (701)328-4639 or email rsmartin@nd.gov.

Sincerely,



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