

January 4, 2023

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

Re: Abandoned wellhead pre-plug baseline assessment

Dear Mr. VanderBusch:

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has completed 88 of 90 wellheads to be assessed for pre-plug methane emissions in accordance with the November 29, 2022, Interagency Agreement. 82 wellheads in Bottineau & Renville counties were surveyed November 30th – December 1st, 3 wellheads in McKenzie County were surveyed on December 27th, and three wellheads in Burke County were surveyed on December 29th. The remaining two sites in Burke County, the Busch 1 and Paulson 1, will be assessed once the wellheads are accessible. No methane or other hydrocarbon/VOC emissions were observed by the Department at the 88 wellheads surveyed. No gas monitor readings were taken due to a lack of observable emissions, only OGI videos and digital photographs are available for each wellhead surveyed.

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

Sincerely,



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