



NOTICE OF VIOLATION V19-0049

November 12, 2019

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WellSTAR Compliance ID: 12181349

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Nadim Hosn
Chevron USA Inc.
9525 Camino Media
Bakersfield, CA 93311

VIOLATION: SURFACE EXPRESSION

FIELD: Cymric; McPhee Lease; SEC. 36 T.29S R.21E MD

DATE OF SURFACE EXPRESSION: November 8, 2019

INSPECTOR: Mario Ortiz

Reference: Public Resources Code (PRC) section 3106, subdivision (a); California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 14, sections 1724.11, 1724.6, 1724.7, and 1724.10

Dear Mr. Hosn:

On November 8, 2019, Chevron U.S.A Inc. (Chevron) reported a surface expression that occurred on the "McPhee" lease at 35.356022, -119.669841 within Section 36 T29S/R21E in the Cymric Oilfield to both the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) and California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) OES # 19-7186 (Exhibit A). **This surface expression is a violation of, at least, CCR section 1724.11, subdivision (a).**

On November 8, 2019, DOGGR staff visited the site (Exhibit B). **The surface expression at 35.356022, -119.669841 within Section 36 T29S/R21E in the Cymric Oilfield is a violation and needs to be stopped.**

All surface expressions are violations and Chevron must stop the continued flow of all expressions and work to ensure the absence of reoccurrences. As such, the Acting State Oil and Gas Supervisor requires Chevron to perform the following required actions to begin to address the occurrence of the surface expressions at the "McPhee" lease at

35.356022, -119.669841 within Section 36 T29S/R21E in the Cymric Oilfield:

1. Meet with DOGGR within 10 days of the date of this letter to present a root cause analysis of the surface expression, diagnostic testing performed, and corrective actions taken to prevent future surface expressions.
2. Per CCR section 1724.11 subdivision (d), maintain the current 1200 foot steam block, as outlined on the original Notice of Violation V19-0032 sent August 23, 2019.
3. Place prominent "Danger" or "Warnings" near (as safety dictates) the surface expression and restrict access to the area until the surface expression has stopped flowing and the area deemed safe for reentry by a professional engineer licensed under Chapter 7 of Division 3 of the California Business and Professions Code, as per CCR section 1724.11 subdivision (i). In addition, continue to monitor for elevated H2S readings and ensure proper safety equipment and access for restricted personnel.
4. Continue to adhere to the technical reports required letter pursuant to PRC section 3357, subdivision (b)(1) issued on September 10, 2019.

As indicated above, the occurrence of a surface expression is a violation of CCR section 1724.11, subdivision (a). In addition to any civil penalties that may issue for the occurrences of surface expressions since this prohibition went into effect on April 1, 2019, failure to follow the above requirements, and remedy the current ongoing violations, may result in an additional Notice of Violation and/or enforcement actions. Such enforcement actions could include the issuance of a civil penalty and/or a remedial work order pursuant to PRC sections 3236.5 and/or 3224, respectively.

If you have any questions, please call the District Deputy, Cameron Campbell at (661) 322-4031.

Sincerely,



Cameron D. Campbell
District Deputy, Inland District

Enclosure(s)

cc: Jason Marshall
Nikki Joslin

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Exhibit A
 Cal OES Report 19-7186

RECEIVED BY:		CONTROL#:	
DATE: 11/08/2019 TIME: 1411		Cal OES - 19-7186 NRC -	
Governor's Office Emergency Services Hazardous Materials Spill Report			
1.a. PERSON NOTIFYING Cal OES:		3. PHONE#:	
1. NAME:		4. EXT:	
2. AGENCY:		5. PAG/CELL:	
Chevron			
1.b. PERSON REPORTING SPILL (if different from above):			
1. NAME:		3. PHONE#:	
2. AGENCY:		4. EXT:	
2. a. SUBSTANCE:		c. TYPE:	
b. QTY: >=<		e. PIPELINE	
Amount		f. VESSEL	
1. Water- Produced Type = 23		>= 300 Tons	
2. Oil - Crude Type = 3		No	
3.		No	
g. DESCRIPTION: Material discovered pooling on the soil, slow seep from underground, unknown exact source or cause, investigation in progress, RP is making a courtesy notification, RP is handling the containment and clean up.			
h. STOPPAGE/CONTAINMENT:		j. WATERWAY:	
Not stopped, Contained		k. DRINKING WATER IMPACTED	
1. KNOWN IMPACT			
None			
3. a. INCIDENT LOCATION: Cymric Lease Oilfield, Section 36W			
b. CITY:		d. ZIP:	
McKittrick		93251	
c. COUNTY:		e. SITE:	
Kern County		Oil Field	
4. INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:		g. EVACUATION	
a. DATE:		No	
11/08/2019			
e. INJURIES		b. OTHER ON SCENE:	
No			
6. NOTIFICATION INFORMATION:			
a. ON SCENE:		c. OTHER NOTIFIED:	
		DOG	
d. ADMIN. AGENCY: Kern Co. Environmental Health Services Department		e. SEC. AGENCY:	
f. ADDITIONAL COUNTY:		g. ADMIN. AGENCY:	
h. NOTIFICATION LIST:			
DOG Unit: 3		i. RWQCB Unit: 5C	
AA.CUPA, DTSC, RWQCB, US EPA, USFWS, DOG, Cal OES HAZMATUNIT, Cal OES PLANS UNIT, Cal OES REG, SFM, Co WP, Co Hill, Co E-Hill			
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Photo Attachment:			

Exhibit B
Location of the Surface Expression

