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# PCS PHOSPHATE Swift Creek Mine

# NATURAL GAS LEAK SURVEY

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# ANNUAL NATURAL GAS LEAKAGE SURVEY

A natural gas leakage survey was conducted for PCS Phosphate Swift Creek Mine, White Springs, Florida during the month of May 2007. An area including the entire gas distribution system, as represented by management, was surveyed for natural gas leaks.

A total of One [1] leak was detected during this survey. This leak was classified as a Grade III leak. There were no Grade I leaks or Grade II leaks detected during this survey. The leak was detected on the following facility;

METER - 0 REGULATOR - 1 CUT OFF - 0 MAIN - 0

SERVICE - 0 SERVICE TAP - 0 VALVE - 0 RISER - 0

The leak was classified according to the criteria on the following pages.

# **Leak Grading Techniques**

Leak grading provides standard evaluation of leak hazards to establish repair priority. That is why you must grade leaks consistently.

If you find a leak, use a Combustible Gas Indicator (CGI) or an approved Electronic Gas Detector to evaluate and classify it. These are the only two instruments that may be used to classify a leak. Whichever instrument you use, approach every leak as if it is hazardous. Take all safety precautions.

When evaluating any gas leak indication, the first step is to determine the perimeter or the leak area. When this perimeter extends to a building wall, continue the investigation into the building.

If you find gas in sanitary sewers or ducts, make further tests in both the manhole and the lateral openings into the manhole. With the manhole lid off, the highest sustained reading in either the manhole or lateral is the true reading.

When evaluating underground leaks, use the highest sustained reading obtained with continued aspiration of the CGI bulb after natural ventilation of a sufficient number of bar holes. Usually, this will be no more than 12 aspirations.

# Leak Grades

Based on an evaluation of the location and magnitude of a leak, assign a leak grade (classification) to establish the leak repair priority. Leaks fall into one of three grades, as defined below:

### · Grade I:

A leak that represents an existing or probable hazard to persons or property, and requires immediate repair or continuous action until the conditions are no longer hazardous.

## · Grade II:

A leak that is recognized as being non – hazardous at the time of detection, but requires scheduled repair based on probable future hazard.

### · Grade III:

A leak that is non – hazardous at the time of detection and can reasonably be expected to remain non - hazardous.

## Grade I Leaks

Grade I leaks present an immediate and definite threat and require immediate repair or continuous action until the condition is eliminated.

Here are some examples of Grade I leaks:

- · Gas migration into or under a building
- Gas migration into a tunnel, conduit, sanitary sewer or related manhole.
- Gas migration into an enclosure which contains equipment that may be a source of ignition.
- Readings outside a building where gas is likely to migrate to the building.
- A leak where gas has ignited.

Take any necessary action to protect life and property **immediately.** Report these leaks to repair personnel as soon as possible. If necessary, implement the company emergency action plan. This plan may include evacuating the premises, blocking off an area, rerouting traffic, venting the area, stopping flow by closing valves or other means and notifying fire and police departments.

Eliminate all sources of ignition in the area. These may include pool filters or heaters, de – energizing air conditioners, electric motors, starters, electrical switches and any other sources of sparks.

Remember not to operate electrical appliances in a gaseous atmosphere, even to turn them off or unplug them. If it is necessary to shut off electrical power, do it at the pole or other location away from the leak area.

## Grade II Leaks

These leaks are not an immediate hazard, but because of location, volume or pressure, may become a hazard. Classify leaks Grade II only after investigation (including extensive bar testing for underground leaks) determines that the leak does not meet the criteria for a Grade I leak.

Factors influencing Grade II leaks include amount of migration, proximity to buildings and subsurface structures, extent of pavement near and type of soil around the leak, including soil condition.

Florida's minimum requirement is that Grade II leaks must be repaired within 90 days after they were located.

## Grade III Leaks

These leaks are not a threat to persons or property and are not expected to become a hazard in the future.

Florida law requires that above ground Grade III leaks be repaired within 90 days of the date they are located unless the leak is upgraded or does not produce a positive leak indication when a soap and water solution, or its equivalent, is applied on suspected locations at operating pressures.

Florida law requires that below ground Grade III leaks be reevaluated at least once every six months until cleared. The frequency of re-evaluation shall be determined by the location and magnitude of the leak condition. Follow – Up

After a leak is classified and repaired, you have to follow it up. Follow – up activities include:

- Inspection
- Re evaluation.

# Inspection

Always ensure that the leak is completely repaired before backfilling. Check the perimeter of the leak area with CGI. Where there is residual gas in the ground after the repair of a Grade I leak make a follow – up inspection as soon as practical after allowing the soil to vent gas to the atmosphere and stabilize. This should be within one month following the repair. In the case of other leak repairs, the need for a follow – up inspection should be determined by qualified personnel.

Re – evaluation of a Leak

If you re – evaluate a leak, you must use the same criteria as when it was first graded.

# Leak Classifications Grade I

# **DEFINITION:**

A leak that represents an existing or probable hazard to persons or property, and requires immediate repair or continuous action until the conditions are no longer hazardous.

# **ACTION CRITERIA:**

Requires prompt action\* to protect life and property, and continuous action until the conditions are no longer hazardous. The adequacy of all repairs of leaks shall be checked by appropriate methods immediately after the repairs are completed. Where there is residual gas in the ground, a follow-up inspection using a gas detector instrument must be made as soon as the gas has had an opportunity to dissipate, but no later than one month for Grade I leaks. The date and status of re-check shall be recorded on the leak repair records.

- \*The prompt action in some instances may require one or more of the following:
- a. Implementation of City emergency plan
- b. Evacuating premises
- c. Block off an area
- d. Reroute traffic
- e. Eliminate Ignition Sources
- f. Venting the area
- g. Notify Police and Fire departments
- h. Stopping the flow of gas by closing valves or other means

# Leak Classifications Grade I

# **EXAMPLES:**

- 1. Any leak which in the judgement of the operating personnel at the scene, is regarded as an immediate hazard.
- 2. Escaping gas that has ignited.
- 3. Any indication of gas which has migrated into or under a building, or into a tunnel.
- 4. Any reading at the outside wall of a building, or where gas would likely migrate to an outside wall of a building.
- 5. Any reading of 80% LEL, or greater, in a confined space.
- 6. Any reading of 80% LEL, or greater in small substructures (other than gas associated substructures) from which gas would likely migrate to the outside wall of a building.
- 7. Any leak that can be seen, heard or felt, and which is in a location that may endanger the general public or property.

# Leak Classifications Grade II

**<u>DEFINITION:</u>** A leak that is recognized as being non-hazardous at the time of detection, but justifies scheduled repair based on probable future hazard.

ACTION CRITERIA: Grade II leaks should be repaired or cleared within 90 days from the date the leak was originally located, unless due to re-survey the leak is determined to be a Grade III. In determining the repair priority, criteria such as the following should be considered. The adequacy of all repairs of leaks shall be checked by appropriate methods immediately after the repairs are completed. Where there is residual gas in the ground, a follow-up inspection using a gas detector instrument must be made as soon as the gas has had an opportunity to dissipate, but no later than six months for Grade II leaks. The date and status of re-check shall be recorded on the leak repair records.

- a. Amount of migration of gas.
- b. Proximity of gas to buildings and subsurface structures.
- c. Extent of pavement.
- d. Soil type and conditions (such as moisture and natural venting).

Grade II leaks vary greatly in degree of potential hazard. Some Grade II leaks, when evaluated by the above criteria, may justify scheduled repair within the next five working days. Others will justify repair within 30 days. During the working day on which the leak is discovered, these situations should be brought to the attention of the individual responsible for scheduling leak repair.

On the other hand, many Grade II leaks, because of their location and magnitude, can be scheduled for repair on a normal routine basis with periodic re-inspection as necessary.

# Leak Classifications Grade II

# **EXAMPLES:**

Leaks requiring action ahead of adverse changes in venting conditions. Any leak which, under adverse soil conditions, would likely migrate to the outside wall of a building.

# A. Leaks requiring action within 90 days are:

- 1. Any reading of 40% LEL, or greater under a sidewalk in a wall to wall paved area that has significant gas migration and does not qualify as a Grade I leak.
- 2. Any reading of I00% LEL, or greater, under a street in a wall to wall paved area that has significant gas migration and does not qualify as a Grade I leak.
- 3. Any reading less than 80% LEL in small substructures (other than gas associated substructures) from which gas would likely migrate creating a probable future hazard.
- 4. Any reading between 30% LEL and 80% LEL in a confined space.
- 5. Any reading on a pipeline operating at 30% SMYS, or greater, in a class three or four location, which does not qualify as a Grade I leak.
- 6. Any reading of 80% LEL, or greater, in gas associated substructures.
- 7. Any leak which, in the judgment of operating personnel at the same, is of sufficient magnitude to justify scheduled repair.

# Leak Classifications Grade III

# **DEFINITION:**

A leak that is non-hazardous at the time of detection and can be reasonably expected to remain non-hazardous.

# **ACTION CRITERIA:**

Above ground Grade III leaks shall be repaired within 90 days from the date the leak was originally located unless the leak is upgraded or does not produce a positive leak indication when a soap and water solution, or its equivalent, is applied on suspected locations at operating pressures. Grade III leaks that are underground shall be re-evaluated at least once every six months until cleared. The frequency of re-evaluation shall be determined by the location and magnitude of the leak condition.

# **EXAMPLES:**

A. Leaks requiring reevaluation at periodic intervals.

- 1. Any reading of less than 80% LEL in small gas associated substructures.
- 2. Any reading under a street in areas without wall to wall paving where it is unlikely the gas could migrate to the outside wall of a building.
- 3. Any reading of less than 30% LEL in a confined.



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FINAL REPORT	Purchase Order No. J-50122934
Company P.C.S. PHOSPHATES - SWIFT CREEK	< MINE
City WHITE SPRINGS	State FLORIDA
Date Survey Started MAY 4, 2007	Date Survey Completed MAY 4, 2007
Total No. of Survey Days ONE [1]	Total No. of Survey HoursEIGHT [8]
Type of Survey WALKING ELECTRONIC DETECTION	)N
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No. Services Inspected TWO [2]	Cases NONE [0]
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Soil Conditions: Wet 🗆 Dry 🗀 Normal 🕱	
Weather Conditions: Rain □ Wind □ Ice □ Normal 🏻	
Gas Company Provided: Transportation 🗆 Guide 🖎 Maps	☐ Other ☐ HENRY LAND
City Services Provided: EQUIPMENT - PRAGMATICS	S 653 MKII SERVICEMAN SURVEYOR
Additional Comments: LOCATION AND IDENTIFICA BUILDINGS ARE WRITTEN AS REPRESENTED	BY P.C.S. GUIDE - HENRY LAND

# DAILY-WEEKLY LEAKAGE SURVEY REPORT

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# City Services Surface Leak Detection Report

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