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Emission Verification and Reduction Initiative

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Identification of Improvement Opportunities

Calculation Method Verification

Measurable Results

Emissions Reported by Category (Subpart W CH₄)



Identification of Improvement Opportunity

- Liquids unloading was the main contributor to 2018 Subpart W CH4 emissions
- Occurs during process of unloading a well to allow for gas flow
- How can we reduce this number through engineering actions?
 - System contained unloading events
 - Plunger Lift
 - Capillary Strings
 - Pad Compression

Liquid Unloading Example



1: Loading

Well production declines and eventually zero flows causing the well to load up.

2: Unloading

Well is shut and return to production by flowing to atmosphere, causing a "liquid unloading event"



Artificial Lift Success - Examples



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• 40 CFR Part 98 Subpart W lists 3 different calculation methods

- Calculation Method 1 Equation W-7 using measured values
- Calculation Method 2 Equation W-8 for non plunger lift assist
- Calculation Method 3 Equation W-9 for plunger lift assist
- Range Resources Appalachia made piping changes to a Marcellus well in order to measure the vented gas during liquids unloading events in December 2018 to test the differences between Eq W-8 and W-7

Two measurements were recorded

- Measurement 1 Completed 12/13/18 resulting in Eq W-8 over estimating the emissions by 6.4%
- Measurement 2 Completed 12/29/18 resulting in Eq W-8 under estimating the emissions by 1.8%
- Average of these two measurements results in a difference of 2.3% between calculated and measured.
- Based on this confirmation it was decided that we would continue to use Eq W-8

Identification - First Liquids Unloading Emissions Measurement



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Identification - Second Liquids Unloading Emissions Measurement



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Summary

- RRC identified a series of opportunities to improve upon liquid unloading events throughout our NEPA asset.
 - Installed 108 active plunger lift systems following 2017 GHG report
 - 4 total capillary strings installed by YE 2019
 - 3 pad compressors set and servicing 14 wells.
- Confirmed to continue to use Eq W-8 to estimate emissions based upon verification through on-site piping changes.
- Throughout the last 3 years with initiative to reduce emissions based upon unloading events, we have seen a steady decline in emission numbers.
 - <u>2017</u> as reporting period initiated the program to reduce our emissions based upon liquid unloading events.
 - <u>2018</u> built upon the success and creativity of the team to increase production, all the while reducing emissions through artificial lift alterations.
 - <u>2019</u> addressed 90% of all the wells listed as having unloading events with with Plunger Lift, Capillary Strings, or pad compression, accounting for nearly 98% of our reportable emission calculations.

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QUESTIONS?