

15-051-24225-0000

INSPECTION REPORT

Case#

☐	Complaint
☒	New Situation
☒	Response to request
☐	Follow-up

Date of

Inspection: June 29, 2016

Werth, Vincent J.

Operator: d/b/a Challenger Exploration

License: #3919 (Expired)

Address: 861 Moscow St.

Location: SW/4 Sec. 20-13s-19w

City/St: Hays, Kansas 67601

Lease: Bemis

Phone: (785)628-1436

County: Ellis

Reason for investigation: Notice Of Violation letter dated June 20, 2016 from Jonathan R. Myers (Litigation Counsel) with the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Problem: Potential unplugged well on Expired License #3919.

Findings:

- Bemis #1, API #15-051-24176-00-00, located SW NE SW/4 Sec. 20-13s-19w Ellis County, Kansas was plugged and abandoned by Werth, Vincent J. d/b/a Challenger Exploration on August 2, 1989 under the supervision of Gilbert G. Scheck (K.C.C.). The original plugging report lists the well as the #2, but it was actually the #1 that was plugged. Attached is the file copy concerning information regarding the subject well dated July 20, 1989. (GPS LOC: LAT. 38.90425 LONG. -099.45990, Footages 1644' F.S.L. & 3,564' F.E.L.) Checking the file, it was noted that the Bemis #1 was fully equipped, however, it never produced under Alpine Drilling or Inter American Minerals. Sometime later the Bemis family took over the Bemis #1 well and later assigned the lease to Werth, Vincent J. d/b/a Challenger Exploration. According to Mrs. Guy Bemis (Landowner), Service Acid and Northwest Pump & Supply filed liens against Inter-American Minerals, Inc. on the Bemis #1 well. A second well is never mentioned in the records.
- Bemis #2, API #15-051-24225-00-00, located NW NE SW/4 Sec. 20-13s-19w Ellis County, Kansas had a Notice Of Intention To Drill submitted by Alpine Drilling Company, Inc. under License #5040 which Expired on June 30, 1987. A field inspection by Ed Schumacher (E.C.R.S.) and Case Morris (District Supervisor) found no surface evidence of a well location. The area was also walked with a magnetic detector which did not find anything. In addition, Dusty Bemis and his father do not recall a well ever being drilled at the location of the Bemis #2 (personal communication).

Photos: Yes

Action /recommendations:

- After an extensive search of the records, aerial photos, field inspection, and personal communication with the landowners, staff believes that the Bemis #2, API #15-051-24225-00-00 was never drilled. Further action by the Conservation Division isn't warranted at this time.

Ed Schumacher E.C.R.S.
(agent)

Ed Schumacher
(signature)

cc: file