NARRATIVE REPORT

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Operations Division

Serial Number	Date	Operator
N/A	04/10/18	N/A ( )
Lease Name: N/A		Address
Location (Sec, Twp, Rng / Parish): Section 27 of T16N-R14W in Caddo Parish		
Field: Caspiana (2360)		Phone: ( ) -
Ref OC 18-0012 - Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) - Forwarded on 03/27/2018		Contact

R E M A R K S

The initial complaint regarding this water well contamination issue (OC 17-0003) was received in February, 2017 and was filed by Mr. Robert Butcher who resides across the road from Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (see enclosed map) and, his action was done so on her behalf. At that time, my ensuing investigation could not find any correlation whatsoever between the supposed water well contamination and the producing Haynesville gas wells - the nearest of which is located +/- 1/2 mile south of the Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) residence. A copy of that report is enclosed for review.

On March 27th, a new complaint regarding this issue was filed by Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) who resides at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) in southern Caddo Parish. Upon receipt of such, I physically went to Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) address in hopes of speaking directly with her; which I did. At this time, I discovered some rather interesting information; (1) Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) does not own either the well or the land it sits on and she is unclear as to who the real owner is; (2) additionally, she and her daughter (who resides with her) don't pay rent to anyone; so, they aren't tenants; and (3) per Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) the previous resident of Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) was an old man (Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)) who passed away a couple of years ago - but he also was not the owner of the property. Consequently, after his death, Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) moved into his old ramshackled trailor house and has been living there ever since - which, to my mind, would suggest that her and her daughter are merely "squatters" and would have no legal standing with regards to this property. She also showed me the pump house where she asserts a fire started due to oil and gas invasion from surrounding wells. Evidence of a fire was obvious but I could not detect any odor of hydrocarbon vapors emanating from the open end of 4" PVC pipe off which the pump motor was removed (see enclosed photo). Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) next produced an old pickle jar which she claims contains a water sample taken from after the pump was removed due to the fire in May, 2016. This fluid smelled like pickles and looked to be dirty water with some brown "gunk" floating on top - I'm not a chemist but I'm relatively sure this brown stuff isn't crude oil - my initial thought was sewage. This area of Caddo Parish is semi-rural and is not connected to Shreveport water and sewage systems. As such, all the residences along Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) rely on fresh water wells and in-ground septic systems. Consequently, should a septic tank systems fail, raw sewage could be released and find it's way into a water well - additionally, one of the by-products of decay is methane gas which will build-up in enclosed areas and a spark from will cause an explosion and fire - this is most likely the root of her problem.

I also visited with her neighbor Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) who lives +/- 100 yards to the east - about the condition of his water well and he reports no issues other than rust in his water lines. As such, it seems that there isn't any wide spread contamination issue in the fresh water aquifer in this area of southern Caddo Parish and that Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) problem is localized to the water well on the plot of land where she resides. I suggested to her that she get a certified water well testing company to come out and test the well as be the best way to determine what type of contamination if any, might be present; however I remain unequivocally convinced that the Haynesville gas wells aren't the problem and as such, this issue should not fall under the purview of the Office of Conservation.

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