Air Monitoring and Regulation Panel 2:
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Jerry Dismukes, Air Compliance Lead, Caerus Oil and Gas
When performance is measured, performance improves. When performance is measured and reported back, the rate of improvement accelerates.

- Thomas S. Monson

You get what you measure*

* likely at the expense of something not measured, but also quite important
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MODELING
\{assumptions, probability\}

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principles of useful measurement
maximize the area of the triangle
CONCEPT VISUALIZATION

value of time resolution

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value of quality data

force-multiplier: technology synergies

1-minute TVOC

> 500x weekly site baseline
CONCEPT VISUALIZATION

value of spatial resolution
managing uncertainty

TVOC Indicator data suggests something in this area provides more opportunity for air quality improvement overall
The end goal is to enable data-driven conversations to generate the best environmental return on investment.

**END GOAL**

maximize environmental ROI
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Air Monitoring in Action

Kathy Steerman, Manager of Air Compliance & Engineering, Civitas
Topics to Cover

01 Civitas – Blending Companies and Programs
02 Pre-Production Regulation Challenges
03 Voluntary Programs
04 Future of Monitoring
Testing Technologies

Side-by-side testing of similar technology

Comparing sensor reliability, sensor sensitivity, unit portability and data portals
Challenges

Drilling Permits
- Schedules change constantly

Priorities
- Working ahead of the development and planning groups

Where to install
- On pad vs. off pad, reclamation areas, landowner permissions

Unique Plans
- Local Government consultations, COGCC Consultations, Operator Agreements, OGDPs, SUAs

Interaction
- Answering questions about data
Civitas Monitoring Plans

April 2022: Civitas has 27 monitoring plans Approved

By December 2023: Civitas may have 52 monitoring plans filed and active
Civitas Monthly Reporting

April 2022: Civitas is filing approximately 27 monthly reports.

By December 2022 Civitas will have filed about 393 monthly reports.

By December 2023 Civitas may be filing approximately 52 reports every month and will have submitted over 900 air monitoring reports to the Division.
Air Quality Monitoring

Drilling Phase

Broomfield program alongside Extraction Program
Air Quality Monitoring

Hydraulic Fracturing Phase

Broomfield program alongside Extraction Program
Field Testing

Community Roving

Passive Benzene Tubes

Flyover

Comparing apples to oranges
Voluntary Programs

Dual Frequency Laser

Continuous OGI
Future of Monitoring: ONE System

- Continuous Leak Detection
- Pre-Production and Early Production Monitoring
- Alternative Instrument Monitoring Method (AIMM)
- Better Leak Detection
- Efficiency for Ground Crews and Repair

- Fire and Smoke Detection
- Tank Level Measurement
- Combustor Testing
Thank You
VOC Monitoring Overview
Lessons Learned from Existing Monitoring and
Optical Gas Imaging (OGI) Surveys

Jerry Dismukes, Air Compliance Lead, Caerus Oil and Gas
Caerus Monitoring History

- In-house Optical Gas Imaging (OGI) using FLIR cameras since 2014
- Partnered with CTEH to do an air monitoring study in early 2020 to monitor for VOCs and HAPs during drilling, hydraulic fracturing and flowback operations
- Currently monitoring for total VOCs at 2 well pads and 1 flowback facility in the Piceance
- Pilot studies in early 2021 looking at multiple aerial methane survey technologies in Piceance
- Completed full aerial methane survey of Uintah Basin asset in September 2021
- Will complete aerial methane survey of entire Piceance asset in summer 2022
CTEH Air Quality Monitoring Study

- CTEH monitoring study during drilling, hydraulic fracturing, and flowback operations (1/28/2020 – 2/2/2020) on SIMOPs pad
- Intent was to assess if emissions from pre-production well pad operations yield exposures that could lead to harmful health impacts
- Looked at VOCs, H₂S, hexanes, benzene, and toluene
- Combination of:
  - 8-hour worker personal badge sampling
  - 15-minute personal badge sampling
  - Handheld real-time air monitoring
  - Fence line SUMMA canister 24-hour VOC grab samples
- Over 1000 readings were taken in total
- Highest handheld real-time benzene reading was 2.9 ppm on top of flowback tanks
- Vast majority of worker badge readings were non-detects with a few low readings that were below all health standards and internal response levels
CTEH Air Quality Monitoring Study – Lessons Learned

- All monitoring was on or inside of fence lines in close proximity to equipment
- Majority of detected readings were on the active flowback pad
- Measured concentrations were all below health threshold concern levels!
- This was the last pad where we used traditional flowback tanks in the Piceance
- What happened next?!
  - Dedicated closed-loop Flowback Facility to handle liquids, control gas and route to centralized downstream produced water facilities
  - 3-phase gathering on all well pad locations in development area
  - Immediate drop in need for production tanks and control devices at new pads
  - Required VOC monitoring in Piceance started 16 months later!
Regulation 7 – VOC monitoring

- May 1, 2021, Reg. 7 requirement to do real time air monitoring
- Where do we monitor?
  - All new well pad facilities
  - All satellite facilities used to handle/process flowback liquids
- Caerus first deployed VOC monitors in June 2021 at two facilities
- Caerus chose to monitor for total VOCs (TVOC) and not methane or benzene
- Utilize 3 TVOC monitors at each location triangulated around the location
- Set 2 alarm levels triggered on 5-minute averages:
  - 10ppm – initial response event (IRE)
    - must involve an action to determine the issue and mitigate, where possible
  - 20ppm – secondary response event (SRE)
    - Must notify CDPHE, COGCC and local government within 48 hours. Caerus to investigate with FLIR and attempt to mitigate and fix the source of hydrocarbons
Regulation 7 – VOC monitoring, cont.

Wolf Ranch

- Approx. Unit Placement: (39.689261/-108.119767), (39.690436/-108.119789), (39.690067/-108.121403)
- 3 Canary S units on mobile stands
- Predominant wind direction at all speeds is from SE
J14

- No aerial image available, location approximate (pad edge, at least 75' from any ignition sources)
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Regulation 7 – VOC monitoring, cont.

• Caerus has access to real-time monitored values on our locations via the dashboard below.
• Can see meteorology collected at each facility to trend potential sources of emissions.
• Issues Observed:
  • **Connectivity!!** Numerous periods of downtime due to cell service in remote terrain.
  • Sensors blown over on J14 due to exposure in steep terrain.
  • Time to get technicians out to the field to address down sensors.
Regulation 7 – VOC monitoring, cont.

Graph showing TVOC concentration and wind speed over time.
Wolf Ranch IRE Action Levels

- Note that IRE action levels require internal response and notification
- Zero SRE alarm levels of ≥ 20 ppm TVOC have ever been triggered

J14 Well Pad IRE Action Levels

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Caerus used this data, along with monthly IR camera inspections to make changes.

Wolf Ranch is our first flowback facility!

Using TVOC data, we saw higher readings on the two monitors on the east side in vicinity of tanks first few months.

We replaced traditional thief hatches with lockdown style w/immediate results in July

We replaced existing combustor with 2 higher volume combustors, better automation, and flow metering in February

Caerus used the monitoring data to drive us to redesign this facility to ensure we are most effectively capturing all vapors, **NOT** venting from tanks and capturing/selling more gas down the pipeline.
Technology Improvements

- Utilizing locking style thief hatches
- Had issues over-pressuring standard hatches initially
- Installed these on all 5 tanks on 7/27; immediately saw > 2x flow rate to combustor
- LDAR verified no venting
Air Engineering

In order to successfully meet regulatory criteria...

Detailed Engineering includes:

- Pipe sizing, hydraulics are driven by tiny pressure differentials (oz/in² or inH₂O)
- ECD sizing, heating value and operating pressures drive performance
- Strategically placed telemetry for pressure, flow rate, temperature on Vapor Collection System (VCS)

Process model

- PW is salty, CH₄ solubility decreases with increasing salt content
- Utilize telemetry to assess performance

Big Picture? It takes a village with coordination from Air, Engineering and Facilities groups
Very few TVOC spikes from July 2021 – February 2022.

Due to proximity of sensor on exposed berm on west side of facility, it was blown over a few times prompting relocation.

The unit was relocated on to the drill pad close to a trailer mounted blowdown tank in early Feb. 2022.

Blowdown tanks are used when/if wells get loaded up with fluids.

Several IRE level alarms have been triggered since relocation.

**Lesson:** Even with a monitor on pad, no SRE level alarms triggered.
Sensor location is **NOT** representative of fence line measurements

We have moved this Canary monitor a bit further west but it’s still on the pad
• In 2021, Caerus documented 1053 OGI inspections using FLIR cameras at 658 facilities
• 554 of these were voluntary inspections
• ~900 total leaks found/fixed in 2021
• Caerus has 1 full-time LDAR technician in Piceance and several other OGI certified people that help the team as needed
• **Critical** to have certified people that can **find and fix** leaks!
• Currently >80% find/fix in 2021; versus < 40% in 2018
• 2021 saw first LDAR driven retrofit program around certain pneumatics
Path Forward

• Caerus will be deploying TVOC monitors at 2 additional facilities in 2022
• Aerial methane surveys across all assets in 2022
• In-house drone surveys with OGI on pipeline segments...hopefully
• Staffing up for **huge increase** in required LDAR in January 2023
• Applying what we’ve learned through LDAR to drive equipment upgrades
• Looking at ways to leverage all that we do in the monitoring and OGI world to market our gas as some of the cleanest in the United States
• Questions??