

Hydro Frack Blows Out a Producing Oil Well at Innisfail Alberta

Hydro Frack, west of Innisfail , Alberta blows out an oil well ¾ of a mile away.

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On January 13th, 2012 a producing oil well owned by Wildstream Exploration blew out southwest of Innisfail Alberta. Three quarters of a mile away Midway Energy was hydro fracking a horizontal well that from preliminary information looks like it ran horizontally very close to the oil well.

The farmer who first spotted the blow out reported there was a fountain of crude shooting about thirty feet above the pump jack. He phoned the ERCB emergency hot line but got no answer! He then quickly contacted Wildstream Exploration and went up to the Midway frack site and got the frack shut down. Unable to get any response from the ERCB, he then phoned Don Bester of the Alberta Surface Rights Group. Bester was able to contact the ERCB. Some of our board members went out there and did a field inspection (thus the pictures).

It appears the oil misted over a large portion of the surrounding land as the snow had a yellowish/brown tinge to it. Some oil misted into the tree line to the south of the well. Cats were piling the snow and it was being hauled away in gravel trucks.

A large pool of oil was being vacuumed up, with more being contained by a berm at a lower level than can be seen in the picture.

It is not certain what actually happened and the ERCB, say they are investigating! The ERCB gave a press release implying the spill is fracking fluid, no mention of crude oil.....which makes one wonder if they have even been out there?.....it is definitely crudewe were there!

It is possible when they ramped up the pressure, the fracking fluids blasted through the rock into the oil well zone, putting so much pressure on the oil pool that it blew the well out? It is important that the ERCB gets to the bottom of this accident. They have always told us this couldn't possibly happen!

It appears they were wrong?

Maybe this "world class regulator" really doesn't know very much after all?

If the frack fluids can rupture into another zone bearing oil, why wouldn't it do the same thing in an aquifer? With the new well spacing rules for hydro fracking (October, 2011) , these type of wrecks could become a regular occurrence!

Is it time for some real regulations and a real regulator?

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The hydro-fracked well details from the ERCB website:

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WELL LICENCES ISSUED DAILY LIST

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| WELL NAME UNIQUE IDENTIFIER LAHEE CLASSIFICATION DRILLING OPERATION LICENSEE | LICENCE NUMBER SURFACE CO-ORDINATES FIELD WELL PURPOSE | MINERAL RIGHTS BOARD FIELD CENTRE WELL TYPE | GROUND ELEVATION PROJECTED DEPTH TERMINATING ZONE SUBSTANCE SURFACE LOCATION |
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| MIDWAY HZ GARR 3-9-35-3 100/03-09-035-03W5/00 DEV (NC) HORIZONTAL MIDWAY ENERGY LTD. | 0438991 N 113.0M E 470.6M GARRINGTON NEW | FREEHOLD RED DEER PRODUCTION | 990.5M 3500.0M CARDIUM FM CRUDE OIL 03-16-035-03W5 |



Hydro-fracked well SW16-35-3-W5M



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Oil well where the frack blew out



Frack communication blow out; cat piling contaminated snow



400 m from well; maximum reach of oil approximately 400 m





Oil and frac fluid being vacuumed up







Oil and frack fluid spray reached trees





Truck hauling out contaminated soil