



**Orphan Well
Association**

Vermilion Well Re-Entry & Repair Project Community Update

September 16, 2014

Work is underway on the Orphan Well Association's (OWA) Re-entry and Repair project. Here's a quick summary of what has happened so far, some changes that have been made, and what the community can expect over the next week or so.

Operations – Due to the rainy conditions the week of September 8th, the start of the project was delayed. However, the crew has been able to make up a bit of time. The coil tubing operations went smoothly on the weekend and the drilling rig and associated equipment are scheduled to move in today. Residents can expect a higher volume of traffic during the equipment set up.

Site Preparation – Original plans called for the grass on work site to be left in place and covered in polymer liner and rig matting. After careful consideration, operations staff determined it would be better to remove the grass and level the site. A level surface will provide a safer work site.

The grass will be replaced when the new playground is constructed. The Town of Vermilion will determine the schedule for the new playground and OWA will be contributing to the cost.

Flare Stack – The flare stack installed on the work site is one of the many safety features for this project. The 60' tall stack is being equipped with a pilot light. Early operation plans called for any methane found during drilling to be diverted up the stack and vented. Flaring the gas was a back-up option, in case of large amounts of methane. Given the close proximity of neighbouring houses, operations staff now feel it would be safer to go straight to flare, rather than venting gas and then igniting.

Where to Park – Just a reminder that there is no on-street parking on 64th Street for the duration of operations. Residents can still access and park in their driveways. If you have any concerns about parking, please contact the OWA.

Noise Study – OWA is working with its consultants to monitor and seek solutions for any noise issues related to the operations. Staff will be taking noise readings at different times during the day and at various locations in the community. While most of the noise is expected during operating hours (7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday to Friday and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday), generators may be required after hours to power safety equipment.

Future Updates - In order to provide more timely information, OWA will be sending future Community Updates by email. If you would like to continue to receive the community updates, please contact Cliff Pybus, OWA (403.297.8966) and provide an email address. You can also find updates on our website – www.orphanwell.ca.

Questions? - Please contact Dave Vert, On-Site Supervisor with Tristar Resource Management (403.352.6061) or Lori Brown, Abandonment Coordinator with the Orphan Well Association (403.297.6416).