

## Core Methane Emission Control Strategies

- Pneumatic device retrofit
- Pneumatic device replacement
- Flashing emission controls
- Inspection with IR camera
- Ongoing evaluation of new technology



## Pneumatic Retrofits

- Retrofitted 548 Mizer style valves installed

- *Recovers approximately 77 MMscf methane per year*
- *Three-month payout*



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## Pneumatic Replacement

- Replaced 106 high bleed devices to date

- *Recovers 82.5 MMscf methane per year*
- *Three month payout*

- Will replace an additional 264 devices in 2008

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## Flashing Emission Controls

- 2004-2006 dynamic regulatory changes
  - *Controlled 360 Production Batteries*
  
- Vapor recovery units (VRU) – preferred alternative
  - *Historic installation configuration – VRU connected directly to storage tanks*
  - *Operational and safety concerns*
    - O<sub>2</sub> intrusion
    - Equipment repairs result in extended down time
  
- 2007 additional regulatory changes
  - *Controlled 314 production batteries*
  - *Operational issues pushed controls to combustion devices (ECD)*



## Process Modifications to Reduce Flash Emissions

In 2006 piloted the use of a secondary flash vessel.



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In 2007, modified the design to a larger buffer tank.

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## Flash Vessel



## Flash Vessel (buffer tank)

### ■ Benefits

- *Reduces methane emissions*
- *Reduces products of combustion to atmosphere*
- *Increased safety due to lower pressure seen at tank*
- *Gas from buffer tank is compressed back into sales line*
- *This vessel also eliminates O<sub>2</sub> intrusion*



## Flash Vessel

### ■ Economic evaluation:

- *Average of 1-2 MCF for every 10 bbls oil*
- *Price of buffer tank \$7,700*
- *40~50 bbl location = 4 Mcf a day*
- *Pay out on buffer tank is 1 year*

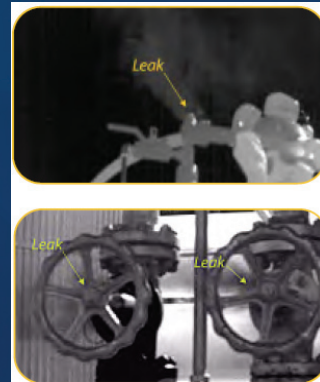
- **In 2008, all new pad locations will receive a buffer tank, VRU and ECD.**



## IR Camera Inspections – DJ Basin

Implemented IR camera inspections in summer 2007

- *Two cameras in E&P service*
- *One camera in midstream service*



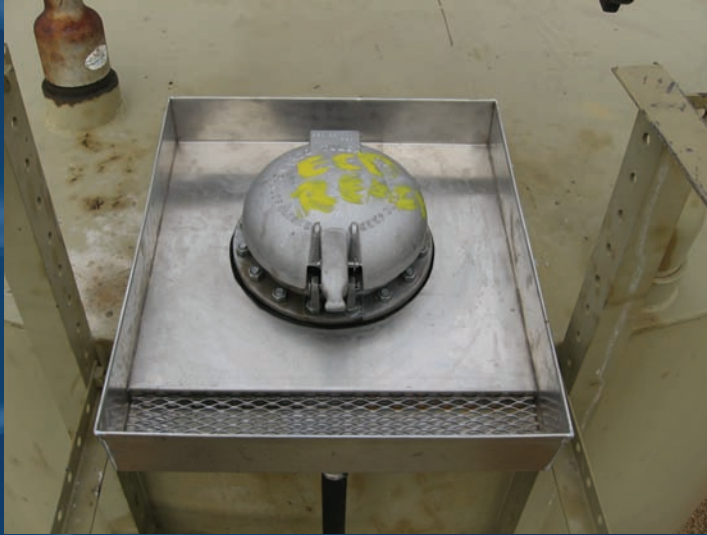
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## IR Camera Inspections – DJ Basin

- Initial findings led to the formation of maintenance teams to incorporate the use of the IR camera and facilitate repairs.
- Goal was to inspect every separator, tank and wellhead in the Wattenberg Field.
- Developed simple recordkeeping and maintenance log to facilitate data trending in the future.
- Most significant finding:
  - *Thief hatch seals*

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Based on the IR camera findings, Anadarko began a gasket material replacement and longevity program for Enardo and Jayco thief hatches.

- *Original equipment was outfitted with Buna-N gaskets*
- *Retrofitted with Viton*
- *Now evaluating Fluorosilicone rubber gaskets*

Conducting additional pilot studies with teflon vacuum gaskets



## IR Camera Inspections – DJ Basin

Use of the IR Camera has allowed for the repair of leaks there were otherwise not detectible

- *Thermostats*
- *Fittings*
- *Regulators*
- *Gaskets*
- *Valves*

Result – less methane vented to atmosphere.



## Ongoing Evaluation of New Technology

- **Solar powered production separators**
  - *Cost prohibitive for retrofit*
  - *Evaluating pilot for new purchases*
- **Compressed ambient air-driven separators**
  - *Solar powered compressor*
  - *Replaces field gas with compressed ambient air to drive pneumatics*
  - *Initial pilot underway*





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