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RE-ABANDONMENT OPERATIONS AT BRIC-1 WELL

On 24th September 2023, reports were received that an abandoned well located at #251 Jeffers Crossing, Rio Claro was observed to be emitting gas. The MEEI conducted its due diligence, and the well was identified as 'Bric-1.' This well was drilled and abandoned in 1958 and is on acreage that is not leased or licensed to any operator currently.

MEEI officials were immediately dispatched to the site to investigate the emissions and to coordinate the requisite safety protocols. The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Fire Service, OSHA and the EMA were all notified of the incident and have been involved in the efforts along with the MEEI in this response. In keeping with HSSE protocols, safety signs were installed in the immediate vicinity of the well and the area was barricaded. It was determined that a 'single pole rig' would be brought in to conduct emergency re-abandonment operations.

The MEEI conducted walkabouts within the affected community, engaged individually with the immediate residents in the vicinity of the Bric-1 Well and conveyed the scope of works.

The MEEI is aware that today residents sought employment in the response operations at the Bric-1 Well and wishes to advise that the scope of the job is highly technical and requires specialized equipment in order to be completed within a two-week duration. It was conveyed to the residents that whilst their request was understandable, only limited jobs to assist with traffic management within area were available.

The MEEI wishes to advise the general public that it will be conducting re-abandonment operations at Bric-1 located at Jeffers Crossing Rio Claro from 8th October 2023. At this time site preparation activities are ongoing.

The MEEI regrets any inconvenience caused and thanks the public for its cooperation and understanding.

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