



**Orphan Well
Association**

Vermilion Well Project Community Update

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Orphan Well Association Conducting More Monitoring

As many residents know, the Orphan Well Association (OWA) has been working to address issues related to an historical abandoned well in the playground in the Brennan sub-division. The well continues to release some methane.

As always, public safety is a priority for the OWA. At present, the concentrations of gas from the well site do not present a risk to public safety, and are being monitored on a monthly basis.

Because it has been five years since mitigation work on the well started, the OWA is revisiting the project to see if anything has changed. It is not uncommon for the flow from wells to change over time.

Additional testing was done on the well in mid-February and results are now being reviewed by the OWA. Residents may see additional activity in and around the site over the coming months as the OWA gathers additional information on the well.

The Alberta Energy Regulator and Alberta Health Services have increased their focus on wells located in urban centres. The OWA is working collaboratively with these two organizations to determine the best solution for the Vermilion well.

The OWA continues to investigate a number of options such as the management of the methane at surface and re-entering the well for additional repair operations.

The OWA will consider a number of factors when determining long-term plans. These include public health and safety; environmental protection; regulatory compliance; and minimizing impact on the community.



Fencing around the well site in the Brennan playground

Whichever solution is selected, every effort will be made to limit the disturbance to the community. It is not anticipated that the playground will be affected at this time. However, if the well needs to be re-entered in the future, the playground may need to be closed temporarily.

THANK YOU! – The OWA wants to thank residents of the Brennan community, and staff and officials of the Town of Vermilion for their continued cooperation during this project.

Questions? – The OWA is committed to on-going communication with the Town of Vermilion and members of the local community. If you have questions or concerns about this project, please contact Dave Marks, Manager – Projects, with the Orphan Well Association (403.297.8555)

Future Updates – If you would like to receive future updates on this project by email rather than by mail, please send an email to community@orphanwell.ca. Just provide your name and email address and indicate you want future updates by email, and we will add you to our email list.