

Wind Advisory Is In Effect

ADVERTISEMENT

\$2.5 million effort plugs Crane Co. flow



The leak was first discovered on property along Highway 329 earlier this month and reported to the Railroad Commission, which regulates oil and gas. The photo provided by Sarah Stogner. (Hannah Brock)

By [Hannah Brock](#)

Published: Jan. 31, 2024 at 6:06 PM CST



AUSTIN, Texas (KOSA) - The previously uncontrolled flow in Crane County has been plugged, but that came at a \$2.5 million cost.

The water flow stopped on Jan. 21 and the well is now cased and cemented, according to the Railroad Commission of Texas, which regulates gas. The commission, which called the flow unusual, says it has not found any RRC records on the well, so they do not believe it was an oil well.

MORE: [‘We need to figure out what’s going on.’ Crane Co. water flow halts, leaves questions in wake](#)

The effort was a result of an uncontrolled flow that began on Dec. 7 on land along Highway 329. Salty water engulfed 30 acres of property owned by Bill Wight, a fourth generation rancher. Throughout the process, he struggled to get answers. The well was also the subject of a no-fly



MORE: [RRC addresses uncontrolled Crane County leak amid concern and no-fly zone criticism](#)

The RRC dug 20 pits to collect the water and hauled water constantly. That's according to the RRC's Danny Sorrells, who provided an update on the flow during the RRC's open meeting on Jan. 30.

"It is unusual. It has unusual geology. It also has unusual water flows," Sorrells said. "So, we're looking into that also. This is ongoing. We're looking at it at least once or twice a week and have been for the last month."

During public comment, Democratic RRC Candidate Bill Burch alleged the RRC did not follow federal emergency management protocols in the wake of the spill.

ADVERTISEMENT

"There does not seem to be any greater urgency to address the actual underlying cancer that is occurring in our industry," Burch said. "Can you confirm that you have actually started a real investigation to determine the causations of these blowouts? Without that understanding, there is an uncertain cost as you continue to play Whack-a-Mole."

Since it started, the flow brought up questions about freshwater contamination. The RRC says it will make all efforts to protect freshwater.

"Although there is no evidence to suggest that this is an orphan oil and gas well, the RRC acted quickly to remediate the water flow in Crane County," RRC officials wrote in a statement on Jan. 31.

The commission said it will work with the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology and other entities to understand the geology near the flow.

Copyright 2024 KOSA. All rights reserved.

They Don't Want You To Carry One, But It's Not Prohibited

TactiStaff | Sponsored

Locate Almost Anyone By Entering Their Name (This Is Addicting!)

Find Detailed Public Record Information About Someone. Search Records Quickly. Search Any Name.

TruthFinder | Sponsored

Here's What A Walk-In Shower Should Cost

West Shore Home Baths Quotes | Sponsored

Top Doctor: If You Eat Banana Every Day, This Is What Happens

GundryMD | Sponsored

California Heart Surgeon Begs Americans: "Stop Doing This To Your Avocados"

☰ [Weather](#) [Election Results](#) [Watch the News](#)



TrueSearches | Sponsored

Here is the real cost of full mouth dental implants in 2023

Suggest-me | Sponsored

New Senior Apartments in Austin - Take a Look!

Best Searches | Sponsored

MD Begs 60+ Americans To Build Muscle With This Tip (Every Morning)

primenutritionsecrets.com | Sponsored

Skeletal remains identified in Greenwood County

CBS 7

Married couple accused of sexually assaulting family dog

CBS 7

Vet Warns Americans: "If Your Dog Licks Its Paws, Watch This Immediately"

Most dog owners don't know this.

Ultimate Pet Nutrition | Sponsored

Doctor Finally Shows The Public Famous Tummy Shrink Drink

Dr. Kellyann | Sponsored

The Horrifying Truth About CBD

Tommy Chong's CBD | Sponsored

Austin, Texas: Notice for cars used less than 30 miles/day

Drivers are surprised that they never knew this. If you drive less than 30 miles a day, you better read this...

US Auto Insurance | Sponsored

Texas: Say Bye To Your Car Insurance If You Live In These Zip Codes

Best5autoinsurance.com | Sponsored



ADVERTISEMENT

Most Read

▶ [2 teens thrown from car, killed after hitting street pole, police say](#)



▶ [Dollar General staff all quit at same time, citing 'lack of appreciation'](#)

☰ [Weather](#) [Election Results](#) [Watch the News](#)



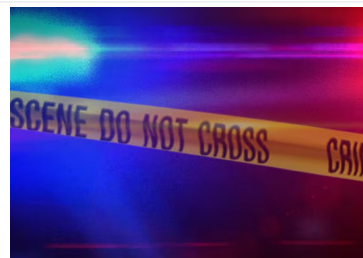
Three arrested headed to Alpine with fentanyl and meth



I-27 act passes, securing passage through Midland-Odessa



Escaped inmate killed after pursuit in Pecos County



ADVERTISEMENT

Latest News



Midland police shoot armed subject trying to flee scene





DOWNTOWN
ODESSA



Downtown Odessa



Ector Co. Courthouse elevators trap people, prompting safety, financial concerns



▶ **Ector Co. Courthouse elevators trap people, cause safety, financial concerns**

☰ [Weather](#) [Election Results](#) [Watch the News](#)



[Facebook](#)

[TV Listings](#)

(432) 580-5672

[Public Inspection File](#)

publicfile@cbs7.com - (432) 580-5672

[FCC Applications](#)

[Terms of Service](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[EEO Statement](#)

[Adverti](#)

[Digital Marketing](#)

[Closed Captioning/Audio Description](#)

At Gray, our journalists report, write, edit and produce the news content that informs the communities we serve. [Click here](#) to learn more about our approach to artificial intell

A Gray Media Group, Inc. Station - © 2002-2024 Gray Television, Inc.

