

News Release

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SWEET GAS WELL BLOWOUT AT HUSKY FERRIER WELL

CALGARY, Alberta – At approximately 9:30 this morning Husky had a sweet gas well blowout at its Ferrier site at a rate of about one million standard cubic feet/day for about half-an-hour. The Ferrier site (10-32-40-9W5), is located at the junction of Highways 11 and 22 north, 25 km northwest of Rocky Mountain House.

Six contract workers were taken to hospital with minor injuries and have been treated and released. Husky has notified the public and other companies operating in the area. Husky has the necessary equipment and expertise en route to get the well back to a safe condition.

A helicopter was dispatched to fly over a 2-km radius around the well site. Two surveyors spotted about 3 km away were notified and are continuing to work.

There is currently no risk to the public, however, until the situation is resolved, the public is asked to stay away.

The blowout occurred underground during a completion operation. The cause is unknown at this time and is under investigation.

Husky activated its Emergency Response Procedures to bring the situation under control, and is currently controlling access to the site. The lone access point to the site is blocked. The EUB and RCMP were notified. RCMP and ambulances responded immediately.

There are no communities located within 20 kilometres of the lease. The two closest residences are four and five km away, respectively. Crimson Lake Park is 10 km east, Chambers Creek campground is 5 km to the west.

The well is 2900 meters deep. The blowout occurred while workers were snubbing in the hole to remove a bridge plug.

Husky will be issuing further reports as more information is available.

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