



FINAL REPORT WELL SITE THIEF HATCH METHANE DETECTORS

ND Oil & Gas Research Program Contract # G-005-110-C

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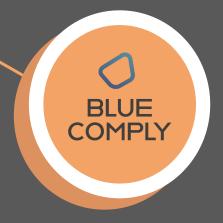
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THIEF HATCHES

- → Left Open (Process or Human Error)
- → Not Latched (Human Error)
- → Over Pressurization Relief
- → Damaged Seals
- → Obstruction (Failure)

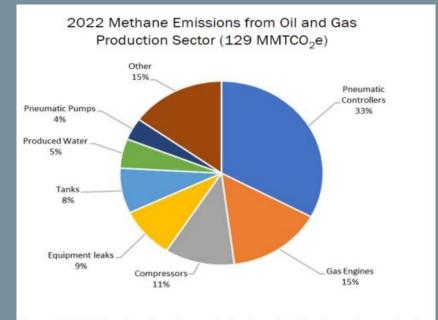


Figure 10: 2022 EPA estimated methane emissions from the oil and natural gas production segment



Source: Dept of Energy and EPA's FundOpp_0003256.

IMSA

Internet-of-Things
Methane
Sensing
Apparatus



Deliverables: Device Design

• Device Design and Components

 Developed/Sourced explosion-proof and intrinsically safe components: IR gas sensor, component housing, lithium battery, electronics, and cellular antenna

Data Acquisition

Communicates over cellular network to Blue Comply dashboard

Required Listings from NRTL

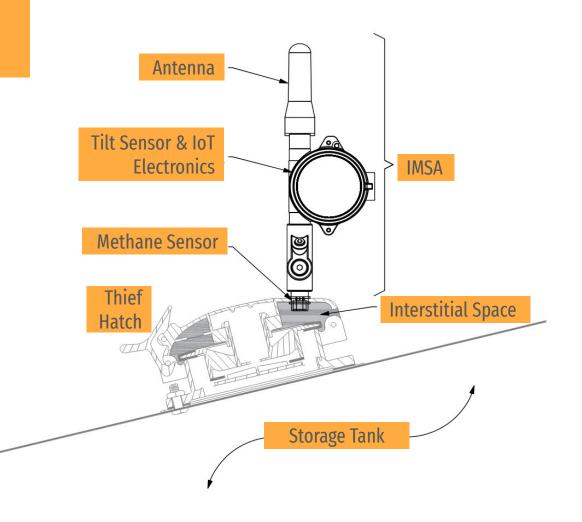
Evaluation was performed by UL with action items for certification

Vendor Selection

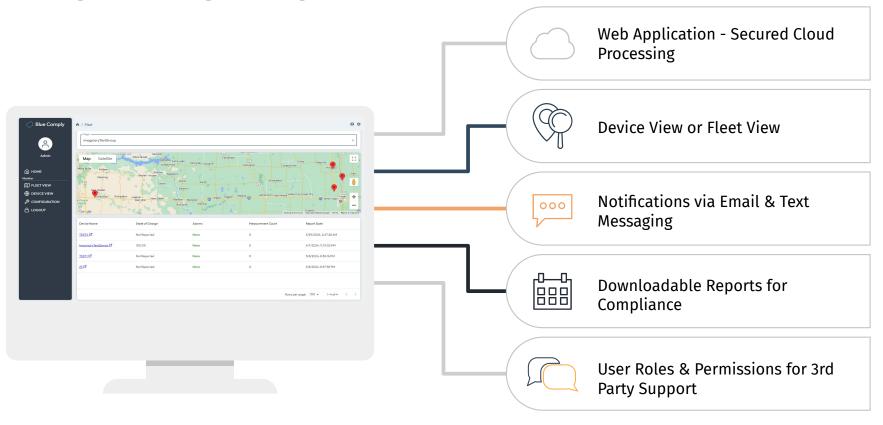
• Established relationships with vendors for component selection and design

IMSA Features

- © Cellular Communications
- © Continuous Monitoring
- Explosion-proof
- Wireless
- Instantaneous Reporting
- Patented Design



IMSA DASHBOARD







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Monitor

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DEVICE VIEW

& CONFIGURATION

△ LOGOUT

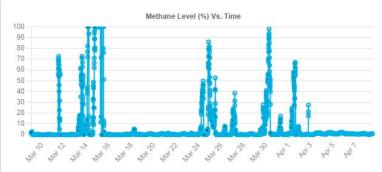


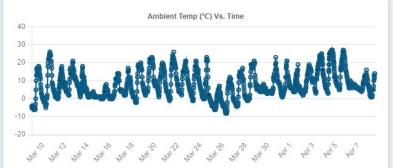
Device Name: 4.8.X2



State of Charge: 55.6%
Total Methane Reports: 7631
Total Methane Alarms: 692
Total Hatch Alarms: 0
Latest Methane Measurement: 0.7%
Latest Temperature Measurement: 14°C
FW Version: 1.2.2
Last Reported: 04/08/2024 15:52:11







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Deliverables: Device Testing

• Fully-functional Prototypes

Manufactured 25 devices for internal testing, field testing, and pilot projects

Pilot Program

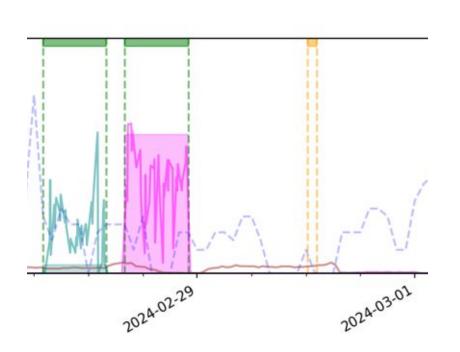
 Completed METEC blind-test & collaborated with various oil/gas producers to develop pilot project plans

Rapid Detection of Leaks

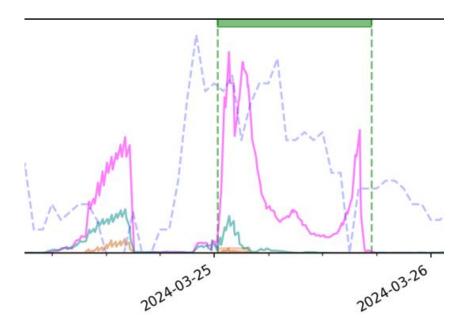
Adjustable detection polling periods



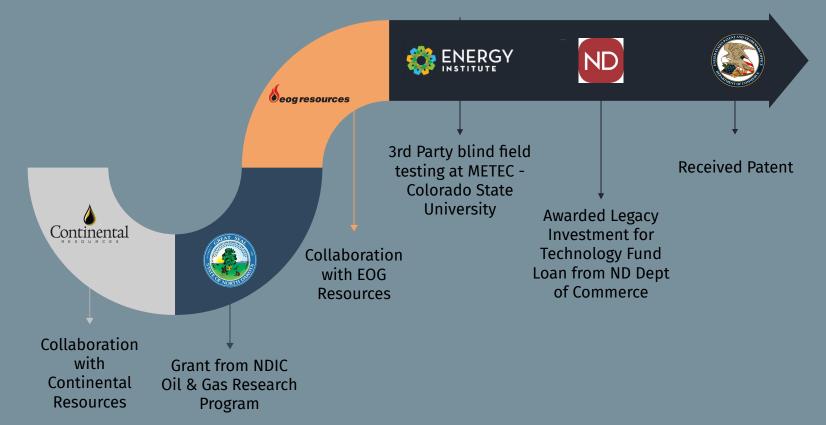
METEC Sample Results







TRACTION



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Phase II Proposal WELL SITE THIEF HATCH METHANE DETECTORS

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CUSTOMER FEEDBACK







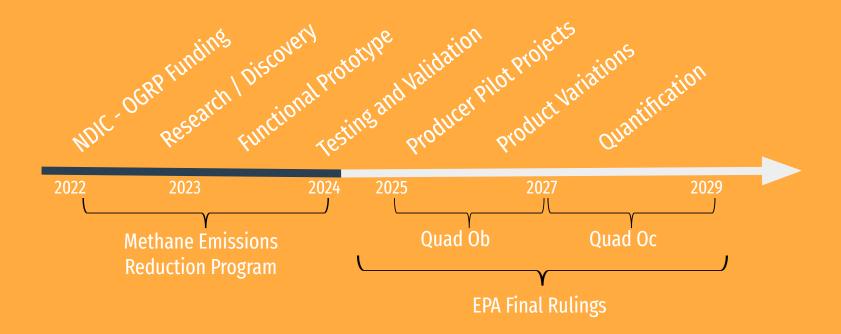


REGULATION UPDATES

Inflation Reduction Act

- Subpart W
 - Waste Emission Charge
- Quad Ob New Source Performance Standards
 - Wells Constructed or Modified after December 6th, 2022
- Quad Oc Emissions Guidelines
 - Existing wells prior to December 6th, 2022
 - State implemented plans

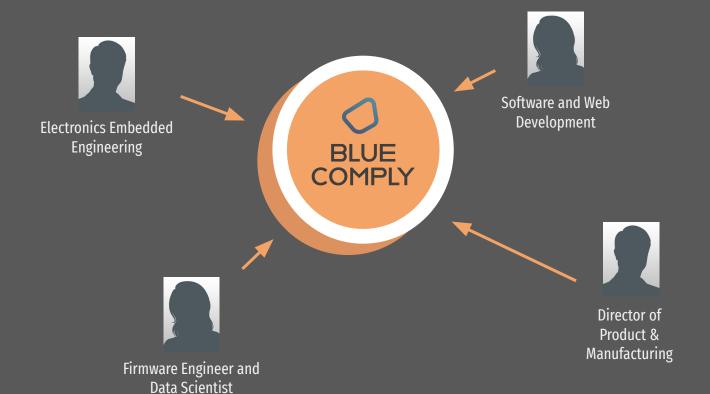
TIMELINE



PHASE II - OBJECTIVES & GOALS

- Kickoff Producer Pilot Project in Q4
- Develop device variation utilizing LoRaWAN (instead of cellular)
- Interface directly with Operator SCADA systems
 - Develop gateway to connect end node devices to SCADA
- Reduce overall cost per well
 - Design intrinsically safe to eliminate need for Class I, Div 1 enclosure
- Extend battery life/improve power supply performance
 - Utilize intrinsically safe, rechargeable batteries with solar cells.
- Investigate quantification options with Machine Learning / Artificial Intelligence

NEW TEAM MEMBERS



PHASE II - TIMEFRAMES



PHASE II - BUDGET

BUDGET

Project Associated Expense	Total Costs	NDIC Share	Applicant Share (Cash)	Applicant Share (In-kind)	Other Project Sponsor Share
Power Supply Refinement	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$37.500	\$0
Comm and Data Integration	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$0
Additional Monitoring Points	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Emission Quantification	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$0
Field Testing (METEC/Producers)	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Certifications (UL/FCC)	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$0
TOTAL	\$900,000	\$450,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$0

THANK YOU!! QUESTIONS?

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