



## Compton 'guarantees' zero sour gas emissions

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Officials from Compton Petroleum Corp. say six sour gas wells they hope to drill on the southeast edge of the city will be safe and more environmentally friendly than most wells.

In response to concerns of residents living near the wellsite, just outside city limits, company managers say new wells will have zero emissions and won't require flare stacks because they will tie directly into a major pipeline that passes through the area.

"We've adopted a procedure that we feel guarantees zero chance of emissions," said William Cover, Compton's manager of drilling and completions. "Fortunately, we have access to a pipeline, so we don't need to do any test flaring."

Day 3 of the four-week Alberta Energy and Utilities Board hearing into Compton's plan saw Cover, the company's vice-president of special projects Derek Longfield and company consultant Dick Bissett respond to questions about the company's drilling plan from interveners in the hearing.

Lawyer Richard Secord, who represents the family of Gerald and Florence White, who live near the wellsite and are opposed to the new wells, spent much of the day cross-examining the three engineers on detailed technical aspects of the plan.

Secord and more than a dozen interveners won't present their arguments until after Compton presents its entire plan to the three-member EUB panel.

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