



Cudd Responds to Disaster in Downtown Hutchinson, Kansas

HOUSTON, Feb. 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Three divisions of Cudd Pressure Control, Inc. have responded to an underground natural gas leak that recently caused injuries and explosions of a private residence and several businesses in downtown Hutchinson, Kansas.

On January 19, following two days of explosions, Senior Well Control Specialists Steve Winters and Doug Finley of Cudd Pressure Control, Inc. from Oklahoma City were called in. The Hutchinson News reported the explosions leveled a nearby home, two downtown businesses, damaged 26 other businesses leaving 15 sinkholes and a four-block radius of businesses without power. Two residents and several local firefighters were hospitalized, and 72 families were sent to nearby shelters.

The disaster stemmed from a 3.2 billion-cubic-foot gas underground storage formation leak located 7 miles northwest of the town. The Hutchinson News reported, "...escaping gas spread east into Hutchinson through the 'path of least resistance'...which includes cracks, crevices, and groundwater deposits." Ronnie Roles, president of Cudd Well Control, stated, "We (Cudd Pressure Control, Inc.) have responded with crews and equipment from Cudd Well Control Division, downhole motors for drilling, from our Thru Tubing Division, and three coil tubing units from our Coil Tubing Division."

Cudd Pressure Control, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is a leading provider of "live well" services to the worldwide oil and gas industry. These "live well" services include blowout control, well recovery, hydraulic workover (snubbing), as well as, coiled tubing services, nitrogen services, pumping services, marine services, wire line services, consulting services, and downhole tools. Cudd Pressure Control, Inc., is a subsidiary of RPC, Inc. (NYSE: RES).

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