

GET CAUGHT DOING SOMETHING GOOD



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I am David Clark and I serve as President of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Coalition. In September 2017 I challenged the PGCC membership to get "Caught Doing Something Good." I asked our members to commit to plug an orphaned or abandoned well and gain the title of "Good Samaritan."

Our membership's response has been remarkable. Not only has the membership plugged 4 very challenging orphan wells, but PGCC members have also tackled 3 other very critical environmental problems that DEP and our local Conservation District did not have the funds or manpower to tackle. The cost borne by these PGCC Good Samaritans is in excess of \$160,000.

These projects communicate an important message—that those of us in the conventional oil and gas industry care about our community environment. We live and raise our children where we work—of course we want that environment to be clean and healthy. And the reality is that our industry is the only place where you can find the equipment, expertise and ingenuity to solve the orphan well problem. It would be silly for regulators to put us out of business when we are the folks who are a part of the solution to a serious problem.

My Father first penned the words "Caught Doing Good" as the title of an article published in the American Oil and Gas Reporter in May of 1982. His words challenged producers to clean up their act and lead by example. He went on to write that "There's no bureaucrat that knows our business like we know it. But if we don't work at cleaning it up somebody else will do it for us." We are proud that in the last 37 years we have implemented many new environmental measures. As a result, stream quality around conventional wells is the best in the state, and we have reduced the size of our operations to minimal footprint.

PGCC's Board and members know that the message of Caught Doing Good is as vital today as it was 37 years ago. We know that we care for the communities where we live, work and recreate. How do we communicate our care to the strangers who don't know us, or confuse us with large unconventional companies that are here today and gone next year?

There are at least 200,000 orphan wells in PA that need plugged. Plugging any one of these wells communicates our care and puts us one well closer to solving the problem. It's not easy. If the well you volunteer to plug isn't yet registered as an orphan well, it needs to be registered. Then, under the Good Samaritan Act you make an application to plug the orphan well to be relieved from future liability. PGCC members have successfully gone through this process 3 times and it took an average of five months each time plus multiple meetings with the DEP. But the DEP has promised to streamline the process... and with 3 successes under our belt I'm certain it will become easier.

PGCC membership has earned the moral ground of "being caught doing good." And getting caught has meant plugging wells and

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Project Name: *Marvin Sanders Oil Spill Cleanup*

Description: *Numerous PGCC volunteers cleaned an oil spill in Warren County. PGCC and DEP cooperated to develop protocols for bioremediation of the spill.*

Date: *March 2018 to present*

Cost: *\$11,000 (approximate)*



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Project Name: *Abandoned Oil Tank Removal from Matthews Run*

Description: *PGCC Volunteer Curtis Well Service removed an abandoned leaking oil tank from stream in Warren County, PA*

Date: *April 2019*

Cost: *\$2,500*



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Project Name: *ANF McKean County request*

Description: *Numerous PGCC members responded to an Allegheny National Forest request to plug an abandoned well on the ANF in McKean County PA. ANF and DEP partnered to provide access to the well.*

Date: *September 2018*

Cost: *\$23,000 (approximate)*



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Project Name: *PGCC Good Samaritan Plug Job Lot 460*

Description: *PGCC Volunteer Curtis Well Service and Gas and Oil Management plugged an Orphan well in Warren County, PA.*

Date: *May to August 2018*

Cost: *\$12,500 (approximate)*



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Project Name: *Matthews Run Stream Restoration Project*

Description: *PGCC Volunteers worked with Youngsville Boro and Warren County Conservation District to remove woody debris, re-channelize, and install stream bank stabilization to limit future flooding and property damage.*

Date: *August & September 2019*

Cost: *\$50,000 (approximate)*



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Project Name: *Lot 396 Island Well*

Description: *PGCC volunteer Cameron Energy Company plugged an orphan well that was leaking oil into an EV Trout Stream in Warren County PA*

Date: *September 2017*

Cost: *\$43,700*





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