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FIR RESOLUTION FORM

CA Summary:
4 of 4 CAs from the FIR responded to on this Form
4 CA Completed
0 Factual Review Request

OPERATOR INFORMATION

OGCC Operator Number: 10412
Name of Operator: AUS-TEX EXPLORATION INC
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City: FLORENCE State: CO Zip: 81226
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COGCC INSPECTION SUMMARY:

FIR Document Number: 682600232
Inspection Date: 11/08/2016 FIR Submit Date: 11/09/2016 FIR Status:

Inspected Operator Information:

Company Name: AUS-TEX EXPLORATION INC Company Number: 10412
Address: 113 N SANTA FE
City: FLORENCE State: CO Zip: 81226

LOCATION - Location ID: 443255

Location Name: Pathfinder C-18 Number: #2 County: FREMONT
Qtrqtr: NWNE Sec: 18 Twp: 20S Range: 69W Meridian: 6
Latitude: 38.313796 Longitude: -105.148180

FACILITY - API Number: 05-043-00 Facility ID: 443256

Facility Name: Magellan Number: #1
Qtrqtr: NWNE Sec: 18 Twp: 20S Range: 69W Meridian: 6
Latitude: 38.313796 Longitude: -105.148180

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

1 CA# 53993

Corrective Action: Install sign to comply with Rule 210.d.
Repair or install berms or other secondary containment devices per Rule 605.a.(4).

Date: 12/08/2016

Response: CA COMPLETED Date of Completion: 05/29/2017

A NFPA label for oil tanks was ordered 11/04/16 and placed on the production tank on 11/08/16. strong winds caused the label to blow off. A second NFPA label for oil tanks was ordered 12/06/16 and affixed to production

Operator Comment: tank on 12/12/16 to comply with Rule 210.d.

A dirt berm was constructed around the production tank facility on 10/20 & 10//21/16, but continued to wear away with the winter weather. Due to austerity measures, manpower was unavailable to make improvements to berm. Follow up inspections on February 1 and March 16 2017 indicated that the required berm was to be a steel ring berm keyed into a synthetic liner around the production facilities. Measures were taken to order the containment structure on 3/20/17 and installation was completed on 3/29/17.

COGCC Decision: Approved

COGCC Representative:

2 CA# 53994

Corrective Action: Install or repair required BMPs per Rule 1002.f. Refer to the 1002.f guidance document for further details.

Date: 12/08/2016

Response: CA COMPLETED

Date of Completion: 03/22/2017

Operator Comment: Wattles for stormwater erosion control were ordered up on 1/27/17. Due to austerity measures, manpower was unavailable for immediate response to the required BMPs per Rule 1002.f.

BMPs were completed on 3/22/17. Erosion wattles were placed around soil stockpiles for stormwater management per Rule 1002.f.

COGCC Decision: Approved pending re-inspection

COGCC Representative:

3 CA# 53995

Corrective Action: Net or fence pit to prevent access per rule 902.d.

Date: 11/16/2016

Response: CA COMPLETED

Date of Completion: 11/16/2016

Operator Comment: Pit was fenced 11/16/16.

COGCC Decision: Approved

COGCC Representative:

4 CA# 53996

Corrective Action: Lower fluid level so at least two feet of freeboard exists per Rule 902.b.
Remove oil from pit per Rule 902.c.

Date: 11/10/2016

Response: CA COMPLETED

Date of Completion: 11/12/2016

Operator Comment: Pit had cuttings, rain water and oil skim on water. Operator hired Badger Daylighting Corp., Denver CO, to hydro-vac pit for two days, 11/11 & 11/12/16. Pit was cleaned out.

COGCC Decision: Approved

COGCC Representative:

OPERATOR COMMENT AND SUBMITTAL

Comment:

Operator was unable to complete all corrective actions within the time allotted due to austerity measures and lack of manpower, however all corrective actions were eventually completed.

1) Label tank, Rule 210.d. Install secondary containment berm around tank, Rule 605.a(4).

2) Install stormwater management BMPs on soil stockpiles, Rule 1002.f.

3) Net or fence pit to prevent access, Rule 902.c.

4) Pit level must be lowered to two feet of freeboard, Rule 902b. Remove oil from pit, Rule 902.c.

Inspector COMMENTED that well was hooked up to flare, however operator removed immediately with no plans to continue flaring, rule 912.b. Also commented that cuttings pit was to be closed, Rule 1003.d(2). Operator was evaluating whether to re-complete the well and continue to use cuttings pit.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Print Name: Aaron J Goss

Signed: _____

Title: VP/GM Colorado

Date: 5/4/2017 11:32:36 PM

ATTACHMENT LIST

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401275243	FIR RESOLUTION SUBMITTED
401275299	Tank label, Rule 210.d
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401275301	Secondary containment, Rule 605.a
401275302	Required BMPs, Rule 1002.f
401275303	Secondary containment, Rule 605.a
401275304	Oil removal from pit, Rule 902.b
401275305	Required BMPs, Rule 1002.f

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