

**FORM  
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**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

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682403968

**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID 317999 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris On-Site Inspection  2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_

**Status Summary:**  
 THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION  
 FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED  
 NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED

**Findings:**  
8 Number of Comments  
1 Number of Corrective Actions  
 Corrective Action Response Requested

**Operator Information:**  
 OGCC Operator Number: 39560  
 Name of Operator: TOP OPERATING COMPANY  
 Address: 3609 S WADSWORTH BLVD STE 340  
 City: LAKEWOOD State: CO Zip: 80235

**Contact Information:**

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
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**Inspected Facilities:**

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
317999	LOCATION	CL			-	SCHNEIDER-62N67W 25NENE	RI

**General Comment:**  
 This is a follow-up Final Reclamation Inspection to Document # 682402635- last inspected on 8/16/2017. Well was plugged and abandoned on 7/1/2013. Any corrective actions from previous inspections that have not been addressed are still applicable. Where corrective actions from the previous inspection report remain unresolved, corrective action dates remain unchanged.

**Location**

Overall Good:

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Good:

**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume		

In Containment: No

Comment:

Multiple Spills and Releases?

**Equipment:**

Type:	#		corrective date
Comment:	<p>After multiple corrective actions, Operator did respond by removing one meter house and risers. However, equipment still remains. Operator claims this is an active meter/gasline riser but no documentation has been provided.</p> <p>Comply with the reclamation rules to remove (regardless of ownership) all equipment within three months of plugging (7/1/2013) the associated facility. All work should have been conducted by 10/1/2013. See Reclamation Section for corrective actions and corrective action dates.</p>		
Corrective Action:			Date:

**Venting:**

Yes/No			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

**Flaring:**

Type		
Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date:

**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 317999 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: CL Insp. Status: RI

**Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit**

**Interim Reclamation:**

Date Interim Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Interim Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**1002 SITE PREPARATION AND STABILIZATION**

1002a. FENCING \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1002b. SOIL REMOVAL AND SEGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1002c. PROTECTION OF SOILS \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1003a. Waste and Debris removed? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unused or unneeded equipment onsite? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pit, cellars, rat holes and other bores closed? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guy line anchors marked? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1003b. Area no longer in use? \_\_\_\_\_ Production areas stabilized ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 1003c. Compacted areas have been cross ripped? \_\_\_\_\_  
 1003d. Drilling pit closed? \_\_\_\_\_ Subsidence over on drill pit? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cuttings management: \_\_\_\_\_  
 1003e. Areas no longer needed for drilling or subsequent operations for have been re-vegetated to 80% of pre-existing? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Production areas have been stabilized? \_\_\_\_\_ Segregated soils have been replaced? \_\_\_\_\_

RESTORATION AND REVEGETATION

Cropland

Top soil replaced \_\_\_\_\_ Recontoured \_\_\_\_\_ Perennial forage re-established \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Cropland

Top soil replaced \_\_\_\_\_ Recontoured \_\_\_\_\_ 80% Revegetation \_\_\_\_\_

1003e. INTERIM VEGETATION TRANSECT  
 TRANSECT RESULTS OF DISTURBED AREA% \_\_\_\_\_  
 TRANSECT RESULTS OF REFERENCE AREA% \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL % OF DESIRABLE VEGETATION COVER \_\_\_\_\_  
 VEGETATIVE COVER \_\_\_\_\_

1003 f. Weeds Noxious weeds? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment

Corrective Action

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Interim Reclamation

**Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:**

Date Final Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Final Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Land Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Reminder: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

Well plugged \_\_\_\_\_ Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled \_\_\_\_\_

Debris removed **Fail** \_\_\_\_\_ No disturbance /Location never built \_\_\_\_\_

Access Roads Regraded \_\_\_\_\_ Contoured \_\_\_\_\_ Culverts removed \_\_\_\_\_

Gravel removed \_\_\_\_\_

Location and associated production facilities reclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ Locations, facilities, roads, recontoured \_\_\_\_\_

Compaction alleviation \_\_\_\_\_ Dust and erosion control \_\_\_\_\_

Non cropland: Revegetated 80% \_\_\_\_\_ Cropland: perennial forage \_\_\_\_\_

Weeds present **Fail** \_\_\_\_\_ Subsidence \_\_\_\_\_

1004.d. FINAL VEGETATION TRANSECT  
 TRANSECT RESULTS OF DISTURBED AREA% \_\_\_\_\_  
 TRANSECT RESULTS OF REFERENCE AREA% \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL % OF DESIRABLE VEGETATION COVER \_\_\_\_\_  
 VEGETATIVE COVER \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

<p>Since the previous inspection on 8/16/2017, the Operator has removed some of the equipment from the battery location but not all equipment. Portions of the well access road and well location have undergone a land use change to gravel mining, as the Operator previously indicated. List B Colorado noxious weeds were observed throughout the entire battery location. COGCC will consider approving the variance request to not achieve the vegetation standards but equipment and noxious weeds will have to be addressed first. Note: Noxious weeds cannot be waived under Rule 1001.c.</p>		
Corrective Action:	<p>Corrective action (CA) #1: Comply with Rule 1004 to remove all equipment. CA#2: Properly remove and control all noxious weeds at the battery location.</p>	Date <b>09/18/2017</b>
Overall Final Reclamation	<b>Fail</b>	Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/>

COGCC Comments		
Comment	User	Date
Operator submitted incomplete variance requests and did not use the Reclamation Variance Guidance document.	binschusc	09/06/2018
COGCC staff has confirmed that L.G. Everest, Inc. is leasing the lands to conduct mining operations where the Schneider #1 well access road, well location and battery location were previously located.		
Previous corrective action inspections:	binschusc	09/06/2018
4/21/2014 (Doc.# 673800777): Corrective Action- Remove unused tanks, Meter run, Separator, complete reclamation of unused site.		
9/16/2015 (Doc.# 668703563): Corrective Action- Remove unused tanks, Meter run, Separator, complete reclamation of unused site.		
6/27/2016 (Doc.# 682400918): Corrective Action- Remove equipment, complete reclamation of unused site and control noxious weeds.		
8/16/2017 (Doc.# 682402635): Corrective Action- Remove equipment and complete reclamation of unused site.		

**Attached Documents**

You can go to COGCC Images (<https://cogcc.state.co.us/weblink/>) and search by document number:

Document Num	Description	URL
682403969	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4576019">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4576019</a>