

Construction and Stormwater Inspection

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Operator: BAYSWATER EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION LLC - #10261

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Photo 1. Photo taken from the eastern portion of the access road, facing West. Photo illustrates the Operator has salvaged some topsoil along the access road and has stored it at the location.

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Photo 2. Photo taken from the eastern perimeter of the location, facing South. Photo illustrates a ditch and berm BMP which has been installed around the entire perimeter of the location.



Photo 3. Photo taken from the eastern perimeter of the location, facing North. See comments under Photo 2.

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Photo 4. Photo taken from the western perimeter of the location, facing South. See comments under Photo 2.



Photo 5. Photo taken from the southeastern perimeter of the location, facing East.

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Photo 6. Photo taken from the southeastern perimeter of the location, facing East. Photo illustrates the topsoil stockpile.

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Photo 7. Photo taken from the northeastern location, facing South. Photo is illustrating topsoil (all within the red line) that was scraped by the Operator and used as fill material on the eastern production pad. Photo 8 illustrates the scraping operation.

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Photo 8. Photo taken from the northeastern location, facing South. Photo is illustrating the Operator scraping topsoil which was placed on the eastern production pad as fill material. Photo 9 illustrates topsoil that was placed on the eastern production pad as fill material.



Photo 9. Photo taken from the eastern production pad, facing South. Photo illustrates topsoil that was placed on the eastern production pad as fill material. Photo also illustrates topsoil that remains unsalvaged from the production pad. Upon discovery of this observation, COGCC staff stop operations to consult with the contractor. Contractor confirmed that the soil material illustrated above (topsoil) was being used as fill material. Then, a second contractor later claimed that topsoil was still going to be salvaged from the production pad. Those two statements contradict each other. Why would fill material (topsoil) be placed onto an area that still had to be salvaged.

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Photo 10. Photo taken from the northwestern well pad location, facing South. Photo illustrates the Operator placing topsoil on the northwestern well pad as fill material. Photo also illustrates topsoil that remains unsalvaged from the well pad.

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Photo 11. Close up photo taken from the northwestern well pad location. Photo illustrates characteristics (root growth) of the topsoil horizon as confirmation of topsoil being used as fill material.