

**FORM  
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X/15**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203  
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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 429618 Inspector Name: COSTA, RYAN On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_**Operator Information:**

OGCC Operator Number: 10630

Name of Operator: ALTA MESA SERVICES LP

Address: 15021 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 400

City: HOUSTON State: TX Zip: 77094

**Status Summary:**

- ☒ THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION
- ☒ FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED
- ☐ NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED

**Findings:**

7 Number of Comments

1 Number of Corrective Actions

- ☒ Corrective Action Response Requested

**ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION(S) FROM  
PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS THAT HAVE NOT  
BEEN ADDRESSED ARE STILL APPLICABLE****Contact Information:**

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**Inspected Facilities:**

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
429619	WELL	PA	12/02/2017	OW	055-06309	Freeman 3-24	RI

**General Comment:**

This is a Reclamation Inspection in Response to AOC 1V-680/Docket No. 180900016.

This is also a follow up of the previous inspections document number 673504379, 673504439, 689900032, 689900273, 674902271, 689900323, 689900885, 689901093, 689901444.

Corrective actions of the previous inspections have not been performed.  
See attached photos and additional details within this report.

Operator is directed to perform corrective actions outlined on this inspection report immediately. This inspection is being entered for notification and documentation only and is not intended to provide the Operator the opportunity to resolve the alleged violations without the imposition of a penalty, pursuant to Rule 522.c.(1). Perform corrective actions immediately to avoid further enforcement and potential penalties.

**Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit****Interim Reclamation:**

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

Land Use: RANGELAND

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

**1002 SITE PREPARATION AND STABILIZATION**

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

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Interim reclamation was not performed prior to plugging the well. A form 6 Well Abandonment Report was submitted indicating the well was plugged and abandoned on 12/2/2017. The total area of the location was 4.42 acres excluding the new unpermitted disturbance. The 2A specifies the size of the location after Interim Reclamation must be 1.2 acres. The operator was directed to request delayed interim reclamation following the NTO: Interim Reclamation Procedures for Delayed Operations. A complete delayed interim reclamation request was not submitted. The location has been out of compliance for Interim reclamation since 2014.

Corrective Action

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Interim Reclamation

**Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:**

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

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

Final Land Use: RANGELAND

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

Comment:

A subsequent form 6 has been approved for well abandonment. The plugged and abandoned date was 12/2/2017.

Well plugged Pass

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

Debris removed Fail

No disturbance /Location never built \_\_\_\_\_

Access Roads Regraded FailContoured FailCulverts removed FailGravel removed FailLocation and associated production facilities reclaimed FailLocations, facilities, roads, recontoured FailCompaction alleviation FailDust and erosion control FailNon cropland: Revegetated 80% Fail

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:	The access road and eastern portion of the location have not been reclaimed. The cut and fill slope at the location is not stabilized and there is insufficient vegetation growth. The western and northern portion of the location which was reclaimed does not have sufficient desirable vegetation establishment and seeding has failed. There are undesirable and noxious weeds throughout the location. There are dead trees that remain at the location and no replacement trees were planted. Reseeding and weed control have not been performed and there is weed debris throughout the location. Corrective actions of the previous inspections have not been performed. Corrective action needs to be performed immediately.	Date _____	
Corrective Action:	Comply with 1004 Rules. Reclaim the access road and eastern portion of the location. Remove the cattle guard and culvert from the access road. Monitor and control weeds and remove weed debris. Remove remaining dead trees and replant new trees. Reseed the location to establish a uniform vegetation cover reflective of the reference area.		
Overall Final Reclamation	Fail	Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/>

**COGCC Comments**

Comment	User	Date
The unpermitted disturbed area was reclaimed and vegetation appears to be establishing. There is some vegetation noticed in this area that is not reflective of the surrounding reference area.	CostaR	06/10/2020
There were numerous noxious and undesirable weeds observed throughout the location. There was weed debris observed along the fence line which needs to be removed and controlled to prevent further spreading onto adjacent undisturbed land. The List B Scotch thistle observed throughout the location is beginning to develop seed heads which will further spread. The List C Cheat grass also observed throughout the location has already begun to disperse seed. Weed control needs to be performed immediately. Ongoing weed control will need to be performed until final reclamation is achieved.	CostaR	06/10/2020
Establish vegetation with total perennial, non-invasive uniform plant cover of at least eighty (80) percent of pre-disturbance or reference area levels. Use a seed mixture requested by the surface owner, or a mixture prescribed by the local county NRCS. Ensure erosion controls are implemented to stabilize the seeded soil, and continue to monitor and manage the unpermitted disturbance area and the location.	CostaR	06/10/2020

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
690200336	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5170710">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5170710</a>