

**FORM  
INSP**Rev  
X/20**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203  
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10/06/2021

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10/11/2021

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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 470688 Inspector Name: Kosola, Jason On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_**Operator Information:**

OGCC Operator Number: 95620

Name of Operator: WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY

Address: 1165 DELAWARE STREET #200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80204

**Status Summary:**

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

**Findings:**

5 Number of Comments

2 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
480894	SPILL OR RELEASE	AC	10/11/2021		-	King Pyles #4	EI

**General Comment:**

This is an environmental inspection only to document status of spill 480894 clean up. Any corrective actions from previous inspections are still in effect.

Cattle mortality was reported by area rancher Kevin Davis as a result of cattle drinking crude oil spilled into secondary containment. Attached video provided by rancher shows one cow deceased after vomiting crude oil.

Spill was discovered by operator on 6/7/2021. Spill was not reported to COGCC until Form 19 Initial 402830414 was first submitted to COGCC on 10/4/2021. Form 402830414 contained some location/coordinate errors and was then re-submitted on 10/7/2021. The date used for enforcement calculations is 10/4/2021.

For Enforcement purposes the COGCC was notified of spill 119 days late in violation of Rule 912.b.(1)

For Enforcement purposes the Form 19 Initial was submitted 116 days after the required 72 hour deadline required per Rule 912.b.(3)

For Enforcement purposes the Form 19 Supplemental was submitted 112 days late on 10/7/2021 in violation of Rule 912.b.(4)

For Enforcement purposes Rule 912.b.(6) requires operator to close spill via Form 19 process within 90 days of discovery of spill. The 90 day deadline passed on 9/5/2021.



**Environmental****Spills/Releases:**

Type of Spill: OIL

Estimated Spill Volume: 98

Comment: Operator reported spill of 98 barrels of crude oil per COGCC Spill number 480894, Form 19 Initial 402830414 on 10/4/2021.

Corrective Action: Operator will collect confirmation soil samples as described in the Rule 915.e.(2)Guidance Document. Operator will analyze soil samples for TPH (C6-C36), Benzene,Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Total Xylenes, Table915-1 Soil Suitability for Reclamation(Electrical conductivity, Sodium adsorption ratio, and pH by saturated paste method,boron (hot water soluble)).

Date: 10/14/2021

Reportable: YES

GPS: Lat 38.416074

Long -102.475014

Proximity to Surface Water:

Depth to Ground Water:

**Water Well Complaint:**

Lat

Long

DWR Receipt Num: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GPS : \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Parameters:**

Sample Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Spill/Remediation:**

Comment: Rule 902.b violation - Unauthorized discharge or disposal of oil, gas, E&P Waste, chemical substances, trash discarded equipment or other oil field waste resulted in death of cattle. See attached photos

Corrective Action: Operator shall document cattle mortality on Form 19 Supplemental.

Date: 10/31/2021

Emission Control Burner (ECB): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_

Wildlife Protection Devices (fired vessels): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Document Num	Description	URL
402837779	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551883">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551883</a>
700600312	Inspection photos 10-6-2021	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551879">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551879</a>
700600313	Cattle mortality video	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551880">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551880</a>
700600314	Rancher photo with timestamp	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551881">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551881</a>
700600315	Ranchers video	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551882">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5551882</a>