

Inspection Photos

5/16/2022

Operator: CAERUS PICEANCE LLC - 10456

Location ID: 479149

Rio Blanco County, CO

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Photo 1: Photos taken from the south end of the Location, facing northwest/northeast. Photos provide an overview of the Location; location constructed, well conductors set, drilling operations have not commenced.

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Photo 2: Photos taken from the east end of the Location. Operator has 3 stormwater sediment traps/pond (2 on the east end of the Location, 1 on the northwest). Photo shows stormwater controls have been constructed with the use of topsoil as the perimeter berm (arrow). Additionally, trap/pond has not been constructed with an engineered outlet to allow for proper discharge. Stormwater controls have not been installed per good engineering practices, and the use of topsoil as a stormwater control does not comport with Rule 1002.b and 1002.c; BMPs to protect soils from stormwater, erosion, and mixing of subsoils are inadequate. Operator has implemented a hydromulch at soil stockpile; BMP largely intact, however it was observed to be degraded/inadequate along many sections of the stockpile resulting in degradation



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39.67730669N 108.13749012W



May 16, 2022
39.67828763N 108.13797927W



May 16, 2022
39.67831523N 108.13806088W

Photo 3: See comments under photo 2. Photo also shows loose soils within the ditch, unstabilized slopes within the ditch BMP and along the topsoil stockpile, and that topsoil is evident within slopes of the ditch. BMPs to protect the soil stockpile remains inadequate.



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Photo 5: Photo example showing erosion occurring at the topsoil stockpile, and topsoil is being utilized as a stormwater control BMP.



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Photo 6: Photo taken from the preset conductors on site. Conductors on Location set 9/28/2021; pursuant to Rule 406.e, if well has not been drilled within 30 days of setting, Operator shall weld a plate on the top of the pipe until conductor is opened for drilling, cover and fence rat/mouse holes and cellars and maintain within 15 days; if the well has not been drilled within 6 months on rangeland, then Operator will plug conductor and perform reclamation. Photos examples showing several conductors with an improperly welded plate on top of the pipe, and that the cellars have not been covered or fenced; this was required by 10/13/2021. Photo also shows that conductors have not been plugged, and reclamation performed pursuant to Rule 1003 or 1004; this was required by 3/28/2022.



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Photo 7: Photo taken from the north end of the Location, facing north. Photo shows access road that travels north to the BJU N26-496 Location. Inspection No. 696203136 documented that Operator failed to properly salvage/segregate and protect topsoil from areas beneath the access road disturbance.

