

**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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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 388809 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris 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
219714	WELL	PA	10/01/1991	OW	075-06831	PROPST STATE 2	RI

**General Comment:**

This inspection is in response to a reclamation complaint. Refer to the Complaint, Environmental and Reclamation sections for more details.

**Inspected Facilities**Facility ID: 219714 Type: WELL API Number: 075-06831 Status: PA Insp. Status: RI**Complaint**

Comment: [Complaint #: 402895865](#)  
[Field Inspector Assigned: Chris Binschus](#)  
[Location ID#: 388809](#)  
[Inspection Document #: 697504167](#)  
[Nature of complaint: Complainant had concerns about multiple potential salt kill locations throughout the property.](#)

Corrective Action:

Date:

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

Type of Spill: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Spill Volume: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: There appears to be a produced water spill related to the associated pit for this well. Refer to the attached inspection photos.Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 912.b. to submit a Form 19 to EPS Staff Rick Allison. Reclamation Specialist Chris Binschus will coordinate with Rick Allison on plan reviews and submittals.Date: 09/15/2022

Reportable: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Long \_\_\_\_\_

Proximity to Surface Water: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to Ground Water: \_\_\_\_\_

**Water Well Complaint:**

Lat

Long

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

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

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

**Field Parameters:**

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

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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% **Fail** Cropland: perennial forage \_\_\_\_\_

Weeds present \_\_\_\_\_ Subsidence \_\_\_\_\_

## 1004.d. FINAL VEGETATION TRANSECT

TRANSECT RESULTS OF DISTURBED AREA% \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSECT RESULTS OF REFERENCE AREA% \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL % OF DESIRABLE VEGETATION COVER \_\_\_\_\_

VEGETATIVE COVER \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

Corrective Action:	Based on a review of historic imagery, there appears to be a produced water spill that has impacted approximately 6 acres. Photo #2 is an approximate aerial extent of the spill that shall be cleaned up.	Date <b>11/14/2022</b>
	Operator should refer to the 915.b. Soil Suitability for Reclamation Operator Guidance. Operator will have to make a root zone evaluation by determining the vertical extent of inorganics and will also have to delineate the horizontal extent.	
	Comply with Rule 1004. Reseed disturbance areas using a seed mixture requested by the surface owner, or a mixture prescribed by the local county NRCS. Establish vegetation with total perennial, non-invasive uniform plant cover of at least eighty (80) percent of reference area levels. Ensure erosion controls are implemented to stabilize the seeded soil. Operator shall continue to monitor and manage this site until the location meets Rule 1004 standards, including stormwater and weed management.	
	Final reclamation activities shall be complete no later than 11/14/22 or as soon as environmental conditions will permit.	
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
It is COGCC's expectation to have all remediation efforts completed in time for a 2022 Fall seeding.	binschusc	09/12/2022

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
697504168	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5857388">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5857388</a>