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X/20**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 470757 Inspector Name: COSTA, RYAN 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:**

8 Number of Comments

6 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:**

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
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Inspected Facilities:

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
470757	Location	AC			-	PYLES-619S45W 10SENW	RI

General Comment:

On 3/1/2023, Ryan Costa conducted a reclamation inspection of the Pyles #4 Offsite tank battery location.
See attached photos and additional details within this report.

LocationOverall Good: ☐

Signs/Marker:			
Type	BATTERY		
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

Emergency Contact Number:			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:			Date: _____

Good Housekeeping:			
Type	DEBRIS		
Comment:	There is various waste and debris on the location. Observed pile of broken concrete, broken tank bottom, bent rusty metal, weed trash debris ect.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 1003.a. and 606.		Date: 04/07/2023
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	The shed inside the containment battery is not maintained with metal siding laying on the ground.		
Corrective Action:	Maintain in good mechanical condition per Rule 608.e		Date: 04/07/2023
Type	STORAGE OF SUPL		
Comment:	There is various unused unneeded equipment and supplies stored at the location. Some equipment appears to have been stored for a long duration of time and is not in use.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 1003.a. and 606.		Date: 04/07/2023

Overall Good: ☐

Spills:			
Type	Area	Volume	
Crude Oil	Tank		
Comment:	There was a spill from the backside of the tank battery. There is also stained soil at the pipe outlet that needs to be cleaned up.		
Corrective Action:	Control and contain spills/releases and clean up per Rule 912.a.		Date: 04/07/2023

In Containment: No

Comment: ☐ Multiple Spills and Releases?

Fencing/:			
Type	LOCATION		
Comment:			
Corrective Action:			Date:

Venting:			
Yes/No			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:			Date:

Flaring:			
Type			

Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

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 Location fenced with barbed wire.

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

1002b. SOIL REMOVAL AND SEGREGATION _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

1002c. PROTECTION OF SOILS _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION Fail

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

1003a. Waste and Debris removed? Fail

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

Unused or unneeded equipment onsite? Fail

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? Fail Production areas stabilized ? _____

1003c. Compacted areas have been cross ripped? Fail

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? Fail

Production areas have been stabilized? _____ Segregated soils have been replaced? _____

RESTORATION AND REVEGETATIONCropland

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 The tank battery location is being used as an unpermitted storage yard and was never reclaimed. All disturbed areas affected by operations, except areas reasonably needed for production operations must be reclaimed per Rule 1003.

Corrective Action Comply with 1003 Rules.

Date 04/15/2023

Overall Interim Reclamation Fail

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% _____ 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: _____

Date _____

Overall Final Reclamation

Well Release on Active Location

Multi-Well Location

Storm Water:

Loc Erosion BMPs	BMP Maintenance	Lease Road Erosion BMPs	Lease BMP Maintenance	Chemical BMPs	Chemical BMP Maintenance	Comment
				Material Handling And Spill Prevention	Fail	

Comment: There was open top buckets of oil which could easily spill over and stained soils. Buckets of oil need to be properly disposed and stained soil cleaned up. Other barrels and containers are not properly stored with secondary containment. Additionally storage is prohibited if not needed for this location and should be removed.

Corrective Action: Implement or modify BMPs for improved material handling and spill prevention.

Date: 03/10/2023

Pits: ☒ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
690203956	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6041178