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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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02/28/2023

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03/06/2023

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697504537**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 456651 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: _____**Operator Information:**OGCC Operator Number: 10701Name of Operator: UPLAND EXPLORATION LLCAddress: 424 S MAIN STCity: BOERNE State: TX Zip: 78006**Status Summary:**

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

Findings:13 Number of Comments8 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
456651	LOCATION	AC			-	Salt Ranch Fee 18 East	RI

General Comment:

On 2/28/2023, Reclamation Specialist Chris Binschus and Compliance Specialist Bret Evins met with an Operator representative, Dustin Rollins, to conduct a follow up inspection to help provide guidance on the previous corrective action Field Inspection Report (FIR) doc. #697504498 and to document some of the immediate corrective action responses.

Bret Evins conducted a Well/Battery inspection- reference FIR doc. #707600976, dated 02/28/2023.

Refer to the Lease Road, Good Housekeeping, Environmental, Reclamation, Stormwater and COGCC Comment sections of this inspection report for additional details.

Location**Lease Road:**

Type	Main		
comment:	At the time of this inspection, the main gated entrance off CR57 was closed and locked; therefore, the previous corrective action to comply with Rule 603.h to restrict access by unauthorized persons has been completed.		
Corrective ActionL		Date:	
Type	Main		
comment:	At the time of this inspection, windborne fugitive dust originating from the access road due to Operator truck traffic (i.e., Produced Water truck) was observed blowing onto adjacent, undisturbed areas. Note- the access road encompasses High Priority Habitat: Mule Deer Severe Winter Range, Mule Deer Winter Concentration area, and Pronghorn Winter Concentration area. Operator has failed to minimize fugitive dust caused by their operations. Refer to Photos 8-9.		
Corrective ActionL	Comply with Rule 427.b. The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.	Date:	02/28/2023

Overall Good: ☐**Emergency Contact Number:**

Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date: _____

Good Housekeeping:

Type	WEEDS		
Comment:	The prior Corrective Action remains in effect; reference Field Inspection Report doc. #697504498, dated 02/10/2023.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.c. The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.	Date:	02/10/2023
Type	TRASH		
Comment:	Operator has deployed a trash bin with a cover; however, new trash was observed off location. Operator has failed to properly contain trash. Operator allowed trash to remain on the ground and some of which has blown off location. Refer to Photos 6-7.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.d. The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.	Date:	02/10/2023

Overall Good: ☐**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume		
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In Containment: No

Comment: ☐ Multiple Spills and Releases?**Venting:**

Yes/No			
Comment:			

Corrective Action:		Date:	
Flaring:			
Type			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

Environmental**Spills/Releases:**

Type of Spill: _____

Estimated Spill Volume: _____

Comment: It appears the Operator has cleaned up oily waste around the frac tanks; however, at the time of this inspection, Operator has not submitted the required Form 19 or contacted Environmental Staff, Rick Allison. Rock has been imported to location; it is unclear what the use is but Staff will conduct another inspection to ensure this wasn't used to cover up stained soil. Refer to Photos 3-5.

Corrective Action: **Comply with Rule 912.a. and 912.b. to submit a Form 19 immediately for spills around the frac tanks.**

Date: 02/10/2023

Reportable: _____

GPS: Lat _____

Long _____

Proximity to Surface Water: _____

Depth to Ground Water: _____

Water Well Complaint:

DWR Receipt Num: _____ Owner Name: _____ GPS : _____ Lat _____ Long _____

Field Parameters:

Sample Location: _____ Comment: _____

Waste Management:

Type Management Condition GPS (Lat) (Long)

Oily Soil

Comment: The previous excavation (pit) ~3' x 8' in size with an unknown depth but ~5-6' deep has been backfilled prior to receiving Director approval. At the time of this inspection, Operator has not submitted the required Form 27 or contacted Environmental Staff, Rick Allison. Refer to Photo 2.

Corrective Action: **Comply with Rule 913.c.(8). to submit a Form 27 for the pit.**

Date: 02/10/2023

Spill/Remediation:

Comment: _____

Corrective Action: _____ Date: _____

Emission Control Burner (ECB): _____

Comment: _____

Pilot: _____ Wildlife Protection Devices (fired vessels): _____

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 SEGREGATION _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

1002c. PROTECTION OF SOILS _____ Fail _____

Comment _____

The prior Corrective Action remains in effect; reference Field Inspection Report doc. #697504498, dated 02/10/2023.

Corrective Action _____

Comply with Rule 1002.c.

Date **02/10/2023**

The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.

1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION _____ Fail _____

Comment _____

Operator has initiated repairs along the access road but the prior Corrective Action remains in effect; reference Field Inspection Report doc. #697504498, dated 02/10/2023. Refer to Photo 1.

Corrective Action _____

Comply with Rule 1002.e.(1) and 1002.e.(4)

Date **02/10/2023**

The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.

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 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 _____

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

Overall Interim Reclamation

Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:

Date Final Reclamation Started: _____ Date Final Reclamation Completed: _____

Final Land Use: RANGELAND

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

Comment: [The prior Corrective Action remains in effect; reference Field Inspection Report doc. #697504498, dated 02/10/2023.](#)

Corrective Action: [Comply with Rules 1002.f.\(2\) and 1002.f.\(2\)B](#)

[The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.](#)

Date: 02/10/2023

Pits: ☐ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

COGCC Comments

Comment	User	Date
At the time of this inspection, it was windy conditions with severe gusts. COGCC staff was not able to review some of the previous corrective actions with the Operator but plans to provide additional guidance in the field for another day.	binschusc	03/06/2023
COGCC staff, Chris Binschus and Denise Arthur, had a conference call with Operator representatives on 2/22/2023. The conference call was initiated by COGCC to help provide guidance regarding the corrective actions dated 2/10/2023. COGCC highlighted some of the corrective actions requiring immediate action like to restrict unauthorized access, trash issues, and oily waste cleanup/reporting.	binschusc	03/06/2023

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
697504538	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6041483