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## FIELD INSPECTION FORM

 Loc ID \_\_\_\_\_ Inspector Name: \_\_\_\_\_ On-Site Inspection   
 456651 \_\_\_\_\_ Binschus, Chris \_\_\_\_\_ 2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_
**Operator Information:**
 OGCC Operator Number: 10701  
 Name of Operator: UPLAND EXPLORATION LLC  
 Address: 424 S MAIN ST  
 City: 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 Comments  
 8 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**

<b>Lease Road:</b>			
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.	Date:	02/28/2023
The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.			

Overall Good:

<b>Emergency Contact Number:</b>			
Comment:	<input type="text"/>		
Corrective Action:	<input type="text"/>		Date: <input type="text"/>

<b>Good Housekeeping:</b>			
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.	Date:	02/10/2023
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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.	Date:	02/10/2023
The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.			

Overall Good:

<b>Spills:</b>			
Type	Area	Volume	

In Containment: No

Comment:

Multiple Spills and Releases?

<b>Venting:</b>			
Yes/No			
Comment:	<input type="text"/>		

Corrective Action:		Date:	
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**Flaring:**

Type			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 456651 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: RI

**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: <u>02/10/2023</u>

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

Date **02/10/2023**

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.\(4\)](#)  
[The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.](#)

Date **02/10/2023**

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: 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

<b>Storm Water:</b>						
Loc Erosion BMPs	BMP Maintenance	Lease Road Erosion BMPs	Lease BMP Maintenance	Chemical BMPs	Chemical BMP Maintenance	Comment
<p>Comment: <a href="#">The prior Corrective Action remains in effect; reference Field Inspection Report doc. #697504498, dated 02/10/2023.</a></p> <p>Corrective Action: <a href="#">Comply with Rules 1002.f.(2) and 1002.f.(2)B</a></p> <p><a href="#">The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.</a></p>						Date: <u>02/10/2023</u>
<p><b>Pits:</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT</p>						

<b>COGCC Comments</b>		
Comment	User	Date
<a href="#">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.</a>	binschusc	03/06/2023
<a href="#">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.</a>	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	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6041483">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6041483</a>