

**FORM  
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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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05/11/2023

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697504665

**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 456651 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris On-Site Inspection ☐ 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:**

10 Number of Comments

5 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 5/11/2023, Reclamation Specialist Chris Binschus performed a follow up inspection. COGCC staff conducted the inspection with an Operator representative, Dustin Rollins.

Refer to the Good Housekeeping, Equipment, Environmental, Reclamation and Stormwater sections of this inspection report for additional details.

COGCC issued a NOAV on 3/16/2023 (Doc.# 403347572). Note- this inspection does not address all of the violations issued in the NOAV.

**Location**Overall Good: ☐

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Good Housekeeping:**

Type	TRASH		
Comment:	COGCC staff documented trash that has blown off location, which is south and southeast of the 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 12-13.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.d.  The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.	Date:	02/10/2023
Type	UNUSED EQUIPMENT		
Comment:	Operator has removed the hose that was left hooked up. Refer to Photo 9.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type	WEEDS		
Comment:	Operator had a crew raking/pulling weed debris from the ditch areas off the access road. An approximate 0.7 mile section of road still have weed debris and weed debris was observed on location. Refer to Photos 5, 8, 12-13, and 16.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.c.  The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.	Date:	02/10/2023

Overall Good: ☐

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

In Containment: No

Comment:

☐ Multiple Spills and Releases?

<b>Equipment:</b>			corrective date
Type:	#		
Comment:	Bucket with oil and missing wildlife protection devices has been removed from location.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	

**Venting:**

Yes/No			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

**Flaring:**

Type		
Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date:



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

Type of Spill: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Spill Volume: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: 

Operator imported road base from the Little Lady locations and claims spills were properly disposed of. At the time of the inspection, it was wet conditions so it was difficult to make an accurate assessment. Refer to Photos 10-11.

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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

Weed establishment along the 1.5 mile section of access road where topsoil is stored was observed- reference Field Inspection Report doc. #697504498, dated 02/10/2023, and Photos 14-16.

Operator indicated that the topsoil stockpile has been reseeded; however, the topsoil stockpile has not been stabilized. The stabilization requirement was communicated to Mr. Rollins back on April 7th. Refer to Photo 4.

Corrective Action

Comply with Rule 1002.c.

The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.

Date **02/10/2023**

1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

Comment

There has been no change since the previous inspection to the required repairs and reclamation along the access road. Photo 3, 17-19.

Corrective Action

Comply with Rule 1002.e.

The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains 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 ☐

**Storm Water:**

Loc Erosion BMPs	BMP Maintenance	Lease Road Erosion BMPs	Lease BMP Maintenance	Chemical BMPs	Chemical BMP Maintenance	Comment

**Comment:** Geary Creek- Riprap has been imported to stabilize the fill slope into Geary Creek and control stormwater runoff into Geary Creek. This work was performed and completed by CCRP.

Sediment laden stormwater was observed discharging off location along the western fill slope without a downgradient perimeter BMP. Note- there was a ditch BMP installed during the initial construction; however, the ditch no longer exists to direct stormwater into the sediment trap and recent disturbances failed to re-install the ditch BMP. Refer to Photos 6-7.

Subsidence along a flowline and vehicle rutting on the well pad are in need of repair. Refer to Photos 10-11.

**Corrective Action:** **Comply with Rule 1002.f.**

**The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.**

**Date:** 02/10/2023

**Pits:** ☐ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Permit:	Facility ID	Permit Num	Expiration Date
	484276	403352150	
	484276	403352150	
	484276	403352150	

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
697504667	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccwebblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6115198">http://ogccwebblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6115198</a>