

**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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Inspection Date:

05/23/2023

Submitted Date:

05/24/2023

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FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 391225 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: _____**Operator Information:**

OGCC Operator Number: 10433

Name of Operator: LARAMIE ENERGY LLC

Address: 1700 LINCOLN ST STE 3950

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80203

Status Summary:☐ THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION☒ FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED☐ NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED**Findings:**

4 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
221909	WELL	PA	06/12/2006	DA	077-08511	NICHOLS 1-32	RI
391225	LOCATION	CL			-	NICHOLS-610S95W 32SWNW	RI

General Comment:

On 5/23/2023, Reclamation Specialist Trujillo conducted a final reclamation inspection at Black Hills Plateau Production LLC's Nichols 1-32 location in Mesa County, Colorado.

This inspection is in response for Form 4 #402670938 stating "Final Reclamation Complete".

Operator for the Location listed as "Laramie Energy"; "Black Hills" is the Operator on record for the Well. Form 9 transferring Location from Laramie to Black Hills currently "in process". Pursuant to "Form 9- Intent Attestation" document no. 402640204, Black Hills retains liability and responsibility for the Nichols 1-32.

The following compliance issues were observed during this inspection:

- Final Reclamation
- Undesirable Plant Species

Refer to the "Reclamation" section of this inspection report for additional details.

Refer to the photo-documentation of the observed compliance issues attached to this report.

Any corrective action(s) from previous inspections that have not been addressed are still applicable.

A follow up inspection on this site will be conducted to ensure the compliance issues have been corrected to comply with COGCC rules.

LocationOverall Good: ☐

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment: Corrective Action: Date: **Good Housekeeping:**

Type	WEEDS		
Comment:	See the "Final Reclamation" comment, under "COGCC Comments" at the end of this report.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 1004.e and Rule 606.c and conduct weed management; Operator shall keep the Location free of all Undesirable Plant Species. Ongoing weed management is required until Location receives a passing final reclamation inspection.		Date: 07/24/2023

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:

Inspected Facilities									
Facility ID:	221909	Type:	WELL	API Number:	077-08511	Status:	PA	Insp. Status:	RI
Facility ID:	391225	Type:	LOCATION	API Number:	-	Status:	CL	Insp. Status:	RI

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 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: _____

Reminder: _____

Comment: _____

Well plugged _____ Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled **Fail**

Debris removed **Fail** No disturbance /Location never built _____

Access Roads Regraded **Fail** Contoured **Fail** Culverts removed _____

Gravel removed **Fail**

Location and associated production facilities reclaimed **Fail** Locations, facilities, roads, recontoured **Fail**

Compaction alleviation **Fail** Dust and erosion control _____

Non cropland: Revegetated 80% **Fail** Cropland: perennial forage **Fail**

Weeds present **Fail** Subsidence _____

1004.d. FINAL VEGETATION TRANSECT

TRANSECT RESULTS OF DISTURBED AREA% _____

TRANSECT RESULTS OF REFERENCE AREA% _____

TOTAL % OF DESIRABLE VEGETATION COVER _____

VEGETATIVE COVER _____

Comment: [See "COGCC Comments" at the end of this report for Final Reclamation Comments.](#)

Corrective Action: _____ Date **07/24/2023**

Comply with Rule 1004.a and conduct final reclamation on the Location and access road including, but not limited to, pit closure, compaction alleviation, recontouring/regrading and reclaiming.

If Surface Owner desires that the Location be left in a condition that does not comport with COGCC Rules, Operator shall comply with Rule 1001.c and submit a 502 Surface Owner Variance Request to waive reclamation requirements via a hearings application to the commission per Rules 502 and 510.

This Location will remain out of compliance with COGCC Rules until Final Reclamation has been completed in accordance with 1004 Rules, or a Surface Owner Variance request has been submitted and approved.

Overall Final Reclamation

Fail

Well Release on Active Location ☐Multi-Well Location ☐**COGCC Comments**

Comment	User	Date
FINAL RECLAMATION COMMENTS	trujilloam	05/24/2023
It was observed in this inspection that, beyond plugging and abandonment of the well facility, no other reclamation work pursuant to COGCC Rules appears to have been conducted; unable to find evidence that Location was decompacted, recontoured/regraded and reclaimed. Surface Owner appears to be utilizing Location for a storage yard; No Surface Owner Variance Request to waive 1004 reclamation requirements pursuant to Rule 1001.c has been submitted/approved.		
-What appears to be the pit remains open on the Location; this issue is being forwarded to the Environmental group for additional review.		
-Soil stockpiles also apparent on the site.		
-Undesirable and Noxious Plant Species established throughout the entire Location; vegetation observed on the Location is predominantly Whitetop; what appears to be Musk thistle rosettes also observed.		

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
696204988	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6124539