

**FORM  
INSP**Rev  
X/20**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203  
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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc 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.

**Location**Overall 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: 07/24/2023Overall Good: ☐**Spills:**

Type

Area

Volume

In Containment: No

Comment:

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

Yes/No

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date:

**Flaring:**

Type

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date:

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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 SEGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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
<b>FINAL RECLAMATION COMMENTS</b>	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
403412167	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6124560">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6124560</a>
696204988	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6124539">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6124539</a>