

**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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Inspection Date:

10/24/2023

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709400590

**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 319767 Inspector Name: WOLD, REED On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_**Operator Information:**

OGCC Operator Number: 95620

Name of Operator: WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY

Address: 1165 DELAWARE STREET #200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80204

**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:**

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
		steve@westernoperating.com	

**Inspected Facilities:**

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
319767	LOCATION	CL			-	DOWNING, RALPH-63S59W 24SWSW	RI

**General Comment:**

This is a follow up final and stormwater inspection from previous inspection #709400280 conducted 5/30/23. Inspection #709400280 conducted on 5/30/23 had several corrective actions and should have failed overall final reclamation and was an clerical error.

Previous inspection sited weeds and bare ground in the reclamation area; comply with rule 606.

No action has been taken by the operator to address corrective actions since the last inspection.

Current inspection CA's

Weeds (kochia & Russian thistle) observed

Bare ground observed

**Location**Overall Good: ☐

Emergency Contact Number:

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

Type	WEEDS		
Comment:	Operator has failed to control and manage weeds to prevent weed waste and prevent seeds from spreading onto adjacent lands. Refer to inspection photos		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.c. The corrective date is not intended to be the date for which the Operator shall complete the corrective actions but rather the corrective date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.		Date: 10/20/2023

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:



**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: Final reclamation has failed, due to lack of perennial vegetation, extensive weed debris was present on location.

Well plugged Pass Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled Pass

Debris removed Pass No disturbance /Location never built \_\_\_\_\_

Access Roads Regraded Pass Contoured Pass Culverts removed Pass

Gravel removed Pass

Location and associated production facilities reclaimed Pass Locations, facilities, roads, recontoured Pass

Compaction alleviation \_\_\_\_\_ Dust and erosion control \_\_\_\_\_

Non cropland: Revegetated 80% Fail Cropland: perennial forage \_\_\_\_\_

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:

	inal relamation is not progressing towards 1004 vegetation standards. Perform reclamation per Rule 1004. Establish vegetation with total perennial, non-invasive uniform plant cover of at least 80 percent of reference area levels. Use surface owner seed mixture, or one prescribed by the local county NRCS. Ensure erosion controls are implemented to stabilize the seeded soil, and continue to monitor and manage the site. Vegetation in fianl area are predominantly undesirable species (Kochia, Russian thistle). Weeds are impeding the perennial vegetation. See good house keeping.	
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 1004 The corrective date is not intended to be the date for which the Operator shall complete the corrective actions but rather the corrective date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.	Date <b>10/20/2023</b>
Overall Final Reclamation	<b>Fail</b>	Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Document Num	Description	URL
709400594	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6311426">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6311426</a>