

**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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03/20/2024

Submitted Date:

03/27/2024

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FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 315979 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: _____**Operator Information:**

OGCC Operator Number: 3104

Name of Operator: ANSCHUTZ EXPLORATION CORP

Address: 555 17TH ST STE 2400

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Status Summary:

- ☐ THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION
- ☒ FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED
- ☐ NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED

Findings:

15 Number of Comments

10 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
315979	LOCATION	AC			-	PRF-63N97W 21NESE	RI

General Comment:

On 3/20/2024 Reclamation Specialist Trujillo conducted a joint inspection with ECMC Environmental Protection Specialists J. Heil and N. Cholas at Anschutz Exploration Corp's PRF-63N97W/21NESE location in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

EPS Staff will be submitting a separate inspection for Environmental issues observed on the Location.

Location Is Federal Surface, Federal Mineral.

Location is within high priority habitat; Mule Deer and Elk Winter Concentration Areas, Greater Sage-Grouse Priority Habitat Management Area; and in close proximity to Elk Severe Winter Range

The following compliance issues were observed during this inspection:

- Good Housekeeping
- Protection of Soils
- Weeds
- Anchors missing required Marking
- Signage Requirements
- Wildlife Protection requirements
- Sanitary facility not secured
- Fluids in containment

Refer to the "Location" and "Reclamation" sections 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 inspection that have not been addressed are still applicable.

LocationOverall Good: ☐

Signs/Marker:			
Type	TANK LABELS/PLACARDS		
Comment:	Signage or labels not posted, or information inaccurate on tanks at battery; tanks observed with missing required information such as tank capacity, Operator's emergency contact telephone number. One produced water tank observed with incorrect Operator name/number.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 605.h		Date: 04/27/2024
Type	BATTERY		
Comment:	Tank battery signage not observed.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 605.e		Date: 04/27/2024
Type	CONTAINERS		
Comment:	Labels on what appear to be methanol containers on the Location are no longer legible.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 605.h.(3)		Date: 04/27/2024
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	Location		
Corrective Action:			Date:

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment: 1-888-696-1300

Corrective Action:

Date: _____

Good Housekeeping:

Type			
Comment:	Various trash, debris and unused equipment observed improperly stored on the Location; the storage, placement, or maintenance of equipment, vehicles, trailers, commercial products, Chemicals, drums, totes, Containers, materials, and all other supplies not necessary for use on an Oil and Gas Locations is prohibited.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with 606 Rules		Date: 04/03/2024

Overall Good: ☐

Spills:			
Type	Area	Volume	
Comment:	Fluids observed spilled within the secondary containment measure of (what appears to be) the two methanol tanks on the Location.		
Corrective Action:	Remove and properly dispose fluids.		Date: 04/03/2024
Other			
Comment:	A Sanitary Facility (Porta-John) on Location has not been properly secured and is currently laying on its side. Waste and fluids observed spilled within the facility. Operator was provided notice of the compliance issue, as well as the corrective action requirements and date.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 602.m. Fluids and/or wastes spilled require proper cleaning in accordance with Rule 912, and disposal in accordance with Rule 906.a-d.		Date: 03/24/2024

In Containment: No

Comment:

☐ Multiple Spills and Releases?**Fencing/:**

Type LOCATION

Comment: 4-Strand Barbed wire

Corrective Action:

Date:

Equipment:

corrective date

Type:

#

Comment: BMPs to prevent wildlife access to, or allow wildlife egress from containment measures of (what appears to be) the two methanol tanks on the Location.

Corrective Action: Install or repair wildlife protection equipment.

Date: 04/03/2024

Venting:

Yes/No

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date:

Flaring:

Type

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date:

Inspected Facilities									
Facility ID:	315979	Type:	LOCATION	API Number:	-	Status:	AC	Insp. Status:	RI

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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 _____ Fail _____

Comment _____

Three soil stockpiles observed stored on the southwest, west and northwestern ends of the Location; stockpile observed on the west end of the Location appears to be topsoil.

It was observed in this inspection that Operator appears to be using the stockpile on the southern end of the Location as a borrow area. This does not comport with soil protection requirements. This has resulted in unstabilized soils, and sediment transport.

Undesirable and Noxious Plant species (Halogeton) also observed established on the stockpiles

BMPs to protect stockpiles on Location from contamination, compaction, wind and water erosion, as well as to prevent weed establishment are inadequate.

Corrective Action _____

Comply with Rules 1002.c, 1002.f. Install or repair BMPs to protect stockpiles on Location from contamination, compaction, wind and water erosion, as well as to prevent weed establishment

Date **04/03/2024**

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? _____ Fail _____

Comment _____

Anchors on the Location observed either missing required marking, or have not been marked in accordance with Rules 1003.a and 603.j

Corrective Action _____

Comply with Rules 1003.a and 603.j

Date **04/27/2024**

- 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? _____ F _____

Comment [See comment above under "1002.c Protection of Soils".](#)

Corrective Action **Comply with Rules 1003.f and 606.c. Conduct weed management to ensure Location is kept free of all Undesirable Plant Species.**

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 _____

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 ☐

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
696205704	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6483411