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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:

03/20/2024

Submitted Date:

04/02/2024

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708201015

FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 312291 Inspector Name: Edwardson, Dylan 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:

8 Number of Comments

6 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
159442	UIC DISPOSAL	AC	01/16/2014		-	PROPST #1	RI
221078	WELL	IJ	10/01/2020	DSPW	075-09204	PROPST 1	RI
312291	LOCATION	AC			-	PROPST-611N53W 26SWSW	RI
479472	TANK BATTERY	AC	02/23/2021		-	PROPST Tank Battery 611N53W /26SWSW	RI

General Comment:

This is a follow-up Interim Reclamation and Stormwater Inspection for Location ID (312291) and FIR (doc #708200897 conducted on 01/24/2024). This location has an associated AOC with Order NO. (1V-870).

Refer to Environmental Field Inspection Report (Doc #709100243) for additional information.

LocationOverall Good: ☐

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment: Corrective Action: Date: Overall Good: ☐**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume		

In Containment: No

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

Type	OTHER		
Comment:	It appears that the excavation is not properly fenced off to exclude wildlife, livestock and/or personnel; excavation was not attended by the operator at the time of this inspection.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with 913.b(5)B.i to fence or cover open excavations to prevent access when sites are not attended.		Date: 04/09/2024

Equipment:

Type:	#		corrective date
Comment:	It appears that wildlife protection equipment (e.g netting) has been installed around the secondary containment at the injection well day tank.		
Corrective Action:			Date:

Venting:

Yes/No		
Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date:

Flaring:

Type		
Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date:

Inspected Facilities									
Facility ID:	<u>159442</u>	Type:	<u>UIC</u>	API Number:	<u>-</u>	Status:	<u>AC</u>	Insp. Status:	<u>RI</u>
Facility ID:	<u>221078</u>	Type:	<u>WELL</u>	API Number:	<u>075-09204</u>	Status:	<u>IJ</u>	Insp. Status:	<u>RI</u>
Facility ID:	<u>312291</u>	Type:	<u>LOCATION</u>	API Number:	<u>-</u>	Status:	<u>AC</u>	Insp. Status:	<u>RI</u>
Facility ID:	<u>479472</u>	Type:	<u>TANK</u>	API Number:	<u>-</u>	Status:	<u>AC</u>	Insp. Status:	<u>RI</u>

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 Fail

Comment _____

During this inspection, Staff observed that impacted material had been stockpiled and stored on top of undisturbed vegetation and soil, south of the previously identified salt kill areas. There was no evidence to suggest that topsoil had been separated and stored prior to stockpiling of the impacted materials, nor was there any indication (signage, etc.) of stored topsoil elsewhere on the location. Refer to attached inspection photos for additional information.

Corrective Action _____

Comply with Rule 1002.b.

Date _____

1002c. PROTECTION OF SOILS Fail

Comment _____

During this inspection, Staff observed a new disturbance/excavation south of and west of pit (#256304) and throughout the previously identified salt kill areas, totalling approx. 0.75 acre in size with an estimated stockpile volume of 2500CY. Stockpiled soil appears to have been placed directly on top of undisturbed soil/vegetation (e.g. soils not impacted by salt kill) and no evidence of an impermeable liner was observed. Additionally, stockpiled soils do not appear to be properly stabilized as material has been left unconsolidated. Additional stabilization BMPs are required to prevent wind and water erosion degradation on the stockpiled soils and at the excavation sites. Refer to attached inspection photos.

Corrective Action _____

Comply with Rule 1002.c.

Date **04/09/2024**1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION Fail

Comment _____

During this inspection, Staff observed new disturbances resulting from excavation of the salt kill area (approx. 0.75 acres) and stockpiled soils (approx. 2500CY) placed directly on top of undisturbed reference areas. Vehicle traffic also appears to be occurring outside of established access/lease roads. These disturbances have not been approved under ECMC rules and regulations. Refer to attached to inspection photos for additional.

Corrective Action _____

Comply with Rule 1002.e. (original CA date of 10/16/2023 when the location was first observed out of compliance).

Date **10/16/2023**

Comply with Rule 304.a to submit a Form 2A (Oil and Gas Location Assessment) to ECMC to increase the existing Oil and Gas Location to include the new land disturbances (approx. 0.75 acres in size). The location will remain out of compliance until the corrective action has been resolved. Refer to Environmental Inspection (doc #709100243) for additional information.

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? **Fail**

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? **Fail**

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 **This location does not comply with Rule 1003. It does not appear any additional reclamation activities have been performed since the previous inspection(s) and the Operator has not submitted any FIRR in response to this compliance issue. At the time of this inspection, ECMC Staff observed that the impacted salt kill areas have been excavated and the impacted material/soil has been stockpiled on adjacent reference areas (e.g undisturbed). The Operator has not provided any documentation or communication to Staff explaining the excavations. All areas impacted by excavation activities will require additional reclamation. Refer to attached inspection photos.**

Corrective Action **Comply with Rule 1003. Establish vegetation with total perennial, non-invasive uniform plant cover of at least eighty (80) percent of reference area levels. Use a seed mixture requested by the surface owner, or a mixture prescribed by the local county NRCS. Ensure erosion controls are implemented to stabilize the seeded soil, and continue to monitor and manage this site until the location meets Rule 1003 standards.**

Date _____

Overall Interim Reclamation **Fail****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:	_____
Overall Final Reclamation _____	Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/>

Storm Water:

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

Comment: This location does not comply with Rule 1002.f. At the time of this inspection, it does not appear that any additional stormwater control measures/BMPs have been implemented, or any existing erosion degradation has been stabilized and/or repaired. Impacted material has been stockpiled on adjacent undisturbed lands and has been left unconsolidated which can become a potential pollutant source as it is not properly stabilized. The location continues to exhibit erosion degradation from unstabilized soils, improperly installed control measures/BMPs, and the lack of maintenance/control measures for the location. Refer to attached inspection photos for additional information.

Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 1002.f.(2) to install BMPs in accordance with good engineering practices and repair erosion degradation.

Date: _____

Pits: ☐ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Permit:	Facility ID	Permit Num	Expiration Date
	256304	846026	
	256304	846026	

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

Document Num	Description	URL
708201093	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6491118