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**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

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Inspection Date:

05/08/2024

Submitted Date:

05/16/2024

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FIELD INSPECTION FORM

Loc ID: 470757 Inspector Name: COSTA, RYAN On-Site Inspection: 2A Doc Num: _____

Status Summary:
 THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION
 FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED
 NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED

Findings:
 11 Number of Comments
 9 Number of Corrective Actions
 Corrective Action Response Requested

Operator Information:
 ECMC Operator Number: 95620
 Name of Operator: WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY
 Address: 1165 DELAWARE STREET #200
 City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80204

ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION(S) FROM PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED ARE STILL APPLICABLE

Contact Information:

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
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Inspected Facilities:

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
484587	TANK BATTERY	AC	06/12/2023		-	Pyles 4 Tank Battery	RI

General Comment:
 This is a follow up of the previous reclamation inspections and in regard to complaint #403484076. The previous corrective actions have not been completed and will be referred to enforcement. Operator is directed to perform corrective actions outlined on this inspection report immediately.

Location

Overall Good:

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment: There was a sign that fell over at one of the tanks that must be reinstalled.

Corrective Action:

Date: _____

Good Housekeeping:

Type	OTHER		
Comment:	There are open hatches on the tanks which could entrap wildlife such as migratory birds. All openings on tanks must be netted to prevent wildlife entry. All unused tanks need to be removed.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with 902.b. and install wildlife protection.	Date:	05/23/2024
Type	UNUSED EQUIPMENT		
Comment:	There is various unused unneeded equipment and supplies stored at the location. Some equipment appears to have been stored for a long duration of time and is not in use for the tank battery facility. Previous corrective action has not been completed.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 1003.a. and 606 to remove unused unneeded equipment and supplies stored at the location.	Date:	
Type	TRASH		
Comment:	There is a trash dumpster on location with no lids to contain the trash or to prevent wildlife entry.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.d.	Date:	05/23/2024
Type	DEBRIS		
Comment:	There is various waste and debris on the location which is a fire hazard. Observed tumble weed debris, plastic chemical containers, parts, trash ect. Previous corrective action has not been completed.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606 for Good Housekeeping and Rule 610 Fire Prevention and Protection.	Date:	
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	The heater treator is still laying on the ground since the fire back in January. The burnt treator needs to be removed as it is unused and does not appear to be serviceable.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.	Date:	05/23/2024

Overall Good:

Spills:

Type	Area	Volume		
Crude Oil				
Comment:	There are stained soils near the tank battery and along the berm (photo 3, 5). There are also oil stained soils at the disconnected pipe of the heater treator. The pipe is not capped to prevent fluids from leaking out. Previous corrective action was not completed.			
Corrective Action:	Control and contain spills/releases and clean up per Rule 912.a.		Date:	

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: 484587 Type: TANK API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: RI

Complaint

Comment: This is a follow up in regard to complaint #403484076.
 Complaint states unauthorized use of property as a pipe yard/ junk yard. Building falling down with insulation blowing into pasture. Fence that is in disrepair and cattle in the storage yard. See complaint for full details.
 It was observed that a storage yard was located at the active Pyles 4 Tank Battery location. There is unused equipment, pipe, and supplies that were not in use for operations of this tank battery location.

Corrective Action: See Corrective Actions within this inspection.
 Corrective actions will remain out of compliance until completed.
 Provide documentation of Surface Use Agreement and County Permits associated with the storage yard. Access to records is required per Rule 206.

Date:

The subreport 'InspWellFlowline' could not be found at the specified location \\10.14.12

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 **Fail** _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

1003a. Waste and Debris removed? **Fail** _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

Unused or unneeded equipment onsite? **Fail** _____

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 ? Fail
 1003c. Compacted areas have been cross ripped? Fail
 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 The tank battery location is being used as an unpermitted storage yard and was never reclaimed. The use of this location as a storage yard is prohibited per the rules. All unused equipment and supplies must be removed and interim reclamation must be performed. All disturbed areas affected by operations, except areas reasonably needed for production operations must be reclaimed per Rule 1003

Corrective Action Comply with 1003 Rules 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: _____	Date _____
Overall Final Reclamation <input type="checkbox"/>	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:	<p>There are oil stained soils that have not cleaned up. There are barrels and containers not properly stored with secondary containment or netted to prevent wildlife entry. There is an erosion channel at the north side of the location which is transporting sediment offsite. Previous corrective actions have not been completed.</p>	Date: _____
Corrective Action:	<p>Install or repair required BMPs per Rule 1002.f.(2) Implement or modify BMPs for improved material handling and spill prevention. Conduct maintenance on equipment, cleanup stained material and review self inspection processes.</p>	Date: _____
Pits:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT	

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
403793808	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6550589
713601034	Inspection Photos	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6550587