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

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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID: 315221 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron On-Site Inspection:  2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Findings:**  
 10 Number of Comments  
 3 Number of Corrective Actions  
 Corrective Action Response Requested

**Operator Information:**  
 ECMC Operator Number: 80890  
 Name of Operator: SONTERRA ENERGY, L.L.C.  
 Address: P O BOX 17103  
 City: WICHITA State: KS Zip: 67217

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

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**Inspected Facilities:**

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
230433	WELL	PA	06/22/2022	OW	103-08096	FEDERAL 1-30 1	RI

**General Comment:**

On July 18, 2024, Reclamation Specialist Trujillo conducted a final reclamation and stormwater inspection at Sonterra Energy LLC's Federal 1-30 #1 Location in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

Location is Fed Surface, Fed Minerals.

The following compliance issues were observed during this inspection:

- 1004: Final Reclamation
- 1002.c / 1002.f: Protection of Soils / Stormwater

Operator on record for the Location and Well is "Sonterra Energy, LLC #80890". However, pursuant to Form 6(s) #403093984 and Remediation Project #22838 records, "XTO Energy Inc #100264" was directed via BLM Written Order #20KR0070W to decommission the Location, including abandonment of the well, associated surface equipment and flowline abandonment. Therefore, this inspection is being submitted to both Operators.

Refer to the "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.

**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 230433 Type: WELL API Number: 103-08096 Status: PA Insp. Status: RI

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

Comment [See "COGCC Comments" regarding soil stockpiles on the Location.](#)

Corrective Action **Comply with Rules 1002.c and 1002.f- install or repair required BMPs to protect the stockpiled soils on the Location from wind and water erosion; install or repair required BMPs to minimize erosion, degradation and sediment transport at the stockpiled soils on the Location.**

Date **07/30/2024**

1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1003a. Waste and Debris removed? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unused or unneeded equipment onsite? \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

Comment [Various trash/debris/pipe observed at the toe of the cutslopes on the southwest end of the Location, and soil stockpiles on the east end of the Location.](#)

Corrective Action **XXX**

Date **01/01/1111**

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 Pass 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Location and associated production facilities reclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ Locations, facilities, roads, recontoured Fail

Compaction alleviation Fail Dust and erosion control Fail

Non cropland: Revegetated 80% Fail 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 **08/23/2024**

Overall Final Reclamation Fail Well Release on Active Location  Multi-Well Location

**ECMC Comments**

Comment	User	Date
<p><b>RECLAMATION AND STOCKPILE/EXCAVATION COMMENTS</b></p> <p>Pursuant to scout card records, "Sonterra Energy, LLC #80890" is the operator of the Location and well.</p> <p>However, pursuant to Form 6 and Remediation Project #22838 (Facility Closure) records, XTO Energy was directed by BLM Working Order #20KR0070W to decommission the Location, including abandonment of the well, associated surface equipment and flowline abandonment.</p> <p>Form 6(s) #403093984 states well was P&amp;Ad on 6/22/2022 by XTO; Facilities on the Location, and Rem. Proj. #22838, received final closure on 1/17/2023 via Form 27(s) #403260144.</p> <p>It was observed in this inspection that the Location is out of compliance with ECMC 1004 Final Reclamation requirements:</p> <p>-Several excavations related to P&amp;A and Facility Closure operations have not been backfilled and remain open. Multiple soil stockpiles observed stored adjacent to the excavations on the Location; BMPs to protect the stockpiles from wind and water erosion, as well as BMPs to minimize erosion, degradation and sediment transport have not been implemented at the stockpiles pursuant to Rules 1002.c and 1002.f; erosion, degradation and sediment transport observed. What appears to be pipe debris also observed mixed with the stockpiles, and/or within the excavations.</p> <p>Pursuant to XTO Energy's Form 27(s) 402891749, "all disturbance areas will be returned to grade with suitable material in preparation for final reclamation activities pursuant to the COGCC 1000 Series Rules". Based on this information, XTO is responsible for the management of the soil stockpiles, and backfilling requirements for the excavations on site.</p> <p>-Reclamation work including, but not limited to, compactions alleviation, recontouring/regrading and revegetation has not been performed pursuant to Rule 1004.a. Based on records, this work does not appear to be XTO's responsibility however further review of this Location is being conducted by the ECMC.</p>	trujilloam	07/23/2024
<p>Pursuant to Doc. #402840429, Sonterra's Federal Oil and Gas Lease COC21747 has been terminated due to cessation of production.</p>	trujilloam	07/23/2024

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
696205996	Inspection Photos	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6635431">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6635431</a>