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

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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID: 487080 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

**Operator Information:**

ECMC Operator Number: 3104  
Name of Operator: ANSCHUTZ EXPLORATION CORP  
Address: 555 17TH ST STE 2400  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

**Findings:**

- 16 Number of Comments
- 1 Number of Corrective Actions
- Corrective Action Response Requested

**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
487080	LOCATION	AC	06/20/2024		-	Mohee Fed 0297-17	CI

**General Comment:**

On 9/23/2024, Western Reclamation Work Lead Trujillo conducted a pre-drill construction and stormwater inspection at Anschutz Exploration Corp's Mhee Fed 0297-17 location in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

This inspection is in response to Form 42 "Notice of Construction" #403929526; pursuant to the Form 42, construction of the Location was to commence 9/23/2024.

It was observed in this inspection that construction Operations have not commenced- on 9/24/2024, Operator provided notice via email that mobilization will commence 9/24/2024, with construction operations beginning 9/25/2024.

If Operator's schedule for construction operations is to be further delayed, a new Form 42 Notice with an updated date will need to be submitted

Refer to the Location Construction and Reclamation sections of this inspection report for additional details.

The following compliance issues were observed:

- Interim Reclamation Variance, OGDPA and Form 2A Conditions of Approval.

See the "Interim Reclamation", and "COGCC Comment" sections of this report for additional details. Including ECMC Financial Assurance Supervisor for notification purposes.

**Location**

Overall Good:

**Signs/Marker:**

Type	OTHER		
Comment:	Pursuant to Form 2A COAs, Topsoil stockpiles will be indicated on site with signage.  Signage identifying topsoil stockpiled on the Location will be required once salvage operations have completed.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	Pursuant to Rule 406.d Operator will post a sign not less than 2 feet by 2 feet at the intersection of the lease road and the public road providing access to the Oil and Gas Location, with the name of the proposed Well or Oil and Gas Location, the legal location thereof, and the estimated date of commencement of construction. Such sign will be maintained until Well completion operations and construction operations at the Oil and Gas Location are concluded.  Signage not yet posted at the intersection of the lease road and public road.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	Pursuant to Rule 406.c a copy of the approved Form 2A, and any Form 4 modifying the approved Form 2A, will be posted in a protected and conspicuous place on location upon commencement of operations with heavy equipment until the conclusion of interim Reclamation.  Permit not yet posted on Location.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	Pursuant to Rule 605.a, from the time of construction until Reclamation is complete, the Operator will post a sign at the entrance to an Oil and Gas Location that includes the: (1) Oil and Gas Location name; (2) Commission's assigned Oil and Gas Location identification number (ID #); (3) The Operator's telephone number where it may be reached at all times; and (4) Telephone number(s) for local emergency services (911 where available).  Signage not yet posted and will be required upon commencement of construction.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	

**Emergency Contact Number:**

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Good:

**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume			

In Containment: No

Comment:

Multiple Spills and Releases?

**Venting:**

Yes/No			
Comment:			

Corrective Action:	Date:
<b>Flaring:</b>	
Type	
Comment:	
Corrective Action:	Date:

**Location Construction**

Location ID: 487080 CDP: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: Pursuant to Form 2A #403549787, the size of the Location's disturbance area is to be 9.74 acres. A follow-up inspection will be conducted to determine compliance for Form 2A permit requirements.

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Form 2A COAs:**

**Comment:** Construction activities to commence outside of the nesting season for migratory birds.

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wildlife BMPs:**

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Stormwater:**

Erosion BMPs	Present	Other BMPs	Present

Comments: Erosion BMPs: HYDRO-SEED/MULCH

Pursuant to the Form 2A #403549787 SWMP, the cut/fill slopes, stockpiled soils will be hydro-seeded and mulched post pad construction, or earlier if site will remain idle for and extended period of time.

Other BMPs: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RETENTION PONDS	No		
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Comments: Erosion BMPs: Pursuant to the Form 2A #403549787 SWMP, sediment traps and diversion ditches will be installed along the perimeter of the site prior to pad excavation.

Other BMPs: Pursuant to Operator's construction layout drawing, sediment traps will be installed on the North, West and Southern ends of the disturbance.

Sediment traps are required to be sufficient in size to allow for proper retention time and sediment deposition; BMPs will require engineered inlet/outlet protection such as rip-rap material in conjunction with geotextile.

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	No		
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Comments: Erosion BMPs: **CULVERTS**  
 Pursuant to Operator's construction layout drawing, culverts at the access road will be "installed as needed".

Other BMPs: Pursuant to Form 2A #403549787 conditions of approval, culverts will be 18" minimum or appropriately sized to accommodate designed flows.

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DITCHES	No		
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Comments: Erosion BMPs: Pursuant to Form 2A #403549787 conditions of approval, Diversion Ditches will be installed around the perimeter of the location prior to commencement of surface disturbing activities, and act as the primary stormwater control measure.  
 Ditch and other perimeter stormwater and erosion control BMPs not yet installed, and will be required prior to the commencement of surface disturbing activities.

Other BMPs: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Corrective Action:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**On Site Inspection (305):**

Surface Owner Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator Rep. Contact Information:

Landman Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Onsite Request Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Rule 306 Consultation: \_\_\_\_\_

Request LGD Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

LGD Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Agreed to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Landowner Issues:

\_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Operator Response to Landowner Issues:

\_\_\_\_\_

Onsite Inspection Memorandum Summarizing Discussions at Inspection as Attachment:

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**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 487080 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: CI

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

**Environmental**

**Waste Management:**

Type	Management	Condition	GPS (Lat) (Long)	
Comment	Pursuant to Form 2A #403549787, drilling fluids and cuttings will be disposed offsite; no pits will be constructed on the Location.			
Corrective Action				Date: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

**Spill/Remediation:**

Comment:

Corrective Action:  Date:

Emission Control Burner (ECB):

Comment:

Pilot:  Wildlife Protection Devices (fired vessels):

**Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit**

**Interim Reclamation:**

Date Interim Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Interim Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Use: RANGELAND

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**1002 SITE PREPARATION AND STABILIZATION**

1002a. FENCING \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1002b. SOIL REMOVAL AND SEGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

Comment Pursuant to Operators Topsoil Protection Plan, ~5,600 cubic yards of topsoil over 6.94 acres will be salvaged and stored.  
Pursuant to the construction layout, the Pad disturbance area (including cut/fill Slopes and stockpiles) will be ~8.267 acres, with the pad footprint being 6.264 acres.  
All topsoil, or the top 6 inches (whichever is deeper) is required to be separated and stored; A follow-up inspection will be performed to determine compliance with Rule 1002.b requirements.

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 09/27/2024

Overall Interim Reclamation

**Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:**

Date Final Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Final Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Land Use: RANGELAND

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

**ECMC Comments**

Comment	User	Date
<p>Pursuant to Commission Order 593-1, Operator received a Variance to Rule 1003.b that provides an additional 12 months, for a total of 18 months, of time to perform interim reclamation.</p> <p>The Form 2A #403549787 was approved with the following COAs:</p> <p>-Approval of this variance request is contingent upon receipt of bonding to ECMC in the amount of \$300,000. The individual interim reclamation bond must be received within 45 days from the date the OGD and this variance is approved by the Commission.</p> <p>-On a Form 4 Submit the bond to the attention of Debbie Lutz and the Area Reclamation Specialist. Additionally, attach the signed tolling agreement to the same Form 4. Last, please provide within the same Form 4 a summary of the variance request as follows: Location Name; Location ID; Duration; Interim Reclamation Delay 1.5 years; Bond Amount: \$300,000.</p> <p>Unclear if bonding of \$300,000 has been provided for the Location; to date, no Form 4 has been submitted as required per Form 2A COAs.</p> <p>Including ECMC Financial Assurance Supervisor for notification purposes.</p>	trujilloam	09/24/2024

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
403932315	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6718825">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6718825</a>
696206305	Inspection Photos	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6718823">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6718823</a>
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