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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203  
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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**
 Loc ID \_\_\_\_\_ Inspector Name: \_\_\_\_\_ On-Site Inspection ☐  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson, Laurel \_\_\_\_\_ 2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_
**Operator Information:**

ECMC Operator Number: 46290

Name of Operator: KP KAUFFMAN COMPANY INC

Address: 1700 LINCOLN ST STE 4550

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80203

**Status Summary:**

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

**Findings:**

18 Number of Comments

9 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
239942	WELL	SI		OW	123-07730	DECHANT-STATE 1	SI
240209	WELL	PR		OW	123-07997	DECHANT-STATE 3	PR
241066	WELL	PR		OW	123-08854	DECHANT - STATE 7	PR
475719	LOCATION	AC			-	Dechant State 1,2,3,4,5,6,7	EI
475722	OFF- LOCATION FLOWLINE	AC	01/07/2021		-	Wellhead Line 1,2,3,4,5,6,7	EI
487984	SPILL OR RELEASE	AC			-	Dechant State 3 Flowline	EI

**General Comment:**

This is an environmental inspection for Spill ID 487984/Dechant State 3 Flowline, Dechant State 3, Dechant State 7 and Dechant State 1 wellheads, and the Dechant State #1,2,3,4,5,6,7 Tank Battery (Location ID 475719). All unaddressed and/ongoing COAs, CAs and comments from previously approved and/or denied forms, and field inspection reports remain applicable. Photos attached to document site conditions at the spill on 10/10/2024 and 10/15/2024 and site conditions at the wellheads and tank battery only on 9/23/2024.

Spill ID 487984

Spill Name: Dechant State 3 Flowline

Flowline Facility ID: 475722

Reported Date of Discovery: 9/20/2024

ECMC Environmental Protection Specialists Laurel Anderson and Grace Rollins arrived at the spill at approximately 13:45 pm on October 10th, 2024. Crews were on location at the time of inspection.

ECMC Environmental Protection Specialist Laurel Anderson along with ECMC DJ Basin Environmental Supervisor, Nikki Graber, and ECMC Environmental Manager, Greg Deranleau, arrived at the spill at approximately 10:15 am on October 15th, 2024. No crews were on location at the time of inspection.

The following observations were made during the Environmental Inspection:

- An approximately 3" diameter fiberglass flowline had been exposed on the foot end of the surficial expression of the spill (~300' downhill from where the spill daylighted to the surface). A ~3' section of flowline with a coupling had been removed and set aside. The ends of the flowline still in situ were uncapped.

- A ~3" diameter fiberglass flowline and an ~1" diameter flowline have been exposed near where the spill daylighted to the surface. The 3" fiberglass line has been cut and the ends sealed, the ~1" flowline was leaking at the time of both inspections.

- Two orange poly lines (One ~3" and one ~1") were observed within the open excavation near where the spill daylighted to the surface - No locates were observed identifying the lines.

- The spill is visible in historic aerial imagery (back to 2022) and measures approximately 100' wide by 300' long. Visibly impacted soil measures approximately 0.30 acres.

- Impacted soil is being stockpiled on location. A liner and earthen berm have been installed; however, the containment measures around stained soil stockpiled on location remain insufficient. ECMC noted the following issues regarding the E&P waste stockpile:

- Multiple tears/holes in the liner

- Earthen berm is discontinuous and appears to be comprised of native soil/vegetation and is not sufficiently impervious (sandy silt, uncompacted, vegetation throughout).

- Impacted soil has been piled above the height of the berm

- E&P waste that remains in situ within the open excavations and spill footprint

- Fencing has been installed around the open excavations; however, fencing is inadequate

- The Land Board as surface owner requests either a three strand barbed wire fence or a hot wire fence that will completely exclude the livestock from any of the contaminated soils be installed. Operator has not complied with landowner requests nor previous corrective actions.

- No stormwater BMPs have been installed around the spill foot print or reportedly clean soil stockpiled on location

- Spill does not plot along any mapped KPK flowlines in the area

Location				
<b>Lease Road:</b>				
Type	Access			
comment:	Access road between Dechant State 1,3 and 7 wellheads and the tank battery is overgrown and difficult to traverse.			
Corrective ActionL				Date:
Overall Good: <input type="checkbox"/>				
Emergency Contact Number:				
Comment:	No emergency contact information present.			
Corrective Action:				Date: _____
<b>Good Housekeeping:</b>				
Type	WEEDS			
Comment:	Undesirable vegetation observed in and around wellheads and tank battery.			
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rules 606.c. and 1003.f.			Date: 10/24/2024
Overall Good: <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Spills:</b>				
Type	Area	Volume		
In Containment: No				
Comment: _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Spills and Releases?				
<b>Fencing/:</b>				
Type	OTHER			
Comment:	Inadequate fencing. In an email correspondence dated 9/26/2024 the landowner stated: "Can you please confirm that the excavation will be fenced sufficiently to keep livestock out of the contaminated area and away from the stockpile of contaminated soil? The Land Board has a grazing lease on this parcel and cattle are currently on the Northern part of this section. The agricultural lessee intends to move the herd to the Southern pastures (which include the spill area) in the next day or two." and requested "either a three strand barbed wire fence or a hot wire fence that will completely exclude the livestock from any of the contaminated soils. Plastic "snow" fencing will not be sufficient to keep livestock away from the contaminated area.".			
Corrective Action:	Operator has not complied with previous corrective actions nor Rule 913.b.(5)B.i and ECMC Guidance 913.b.(5)B i-v. Operator shall immediately install, repair and maintain best management practices to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare and the environment as required by Rule 913.b.(5)B.i and ECMC Guidance 913.b.(5)B i-v which requires fencing used be appropriate to site conditions, ie: nearby residences/schools, depth of excavation, presence of ground or surface water, live stock, wind, etc. Corrective action backdated to FIR 710100264.			Date: 09/25/2024
<b>Equipment:</b>				
Type: Other	#			corrective date
Comment:	Two orange poly lines (One ~3" and one ~1") were observed within the open excavation near where the spill daylighted to the surface - No locates were observed identifying the lines.			
Corrective Action:				Date:
Type: Flow Line	#			







**Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit****Interim Reclamation:**

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

Land Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: [Grazing land.](#)**1002 SITE PREPARATION AND STABILIZATION**

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

Comment [State Land Board has previously contacted the Operator to request installation of fencing around all O&G equipment on land owned by the State Land Board. The land board requested all fencing be constructed in a manner that is capable of preventing livestock entry; In order to prevent injury to livestock as well as avoid incidents where livestock damage O&G equipment creating a safety hazard. Operator has not installed fencing adequate to prevent livestock entry around equipment at the following: Dechant State 3 wellhead, Dechant State 7, Dechant State 1, nor the Dechant State #1,2,3,4,5,6,7 Tank Battery \(Location ID 475719\).](#)

Corrective Action [Operator shall install fencing as soon as possible in accordance with Rule 1002.a.](#)Date **10/31/2024**

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

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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 [Unused equipment stored on location near Tank Battery.](#)Corrective Action [Comply with Rules 606 and 1003.](#)Date **10/31/2024**

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 Per Rule 1003, all disturbed areas affected by drilling or subsequent operations shall be reclaimed.  
This spill and subsequent spill response and remediation activities have created a sizeable footprint (>0.50 acres).

Corrective Action Operator shall comply with Rule 1003 to repair all disturbed areas and reseed as soon as environmental conditions will permit using a seed mixture requested by the surface owner or a mixture prescribed by the local county NRCS. Establish vegetation with total perennial, non-invasive uniform plant cover of at least eighty (80) percent of reference area levels. Ensure erosion controls are implemented to stabilize the seeded soil. Operator shall continue to monitor and manage this site until the location meets Rule 1003 standards, including weed management.

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:

Overall Final Reclamation

Well Release on Active Location

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Multi-Well Location

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Date

Storm Water:

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

Comment:

Ongoing issue at Spill ID 487984: Inadequate BMPs in place to control stormwater run-on and runoff. Stained soil remains in situ and stored on location without adequate BMPs.

Corrective Action:

Operators will properly store, handle and manage all E&P waste to prevent contamination of stormwater, surface water, groundwater and soil. Manage surface water and stormwater around spill site in manner that prevents impacts to those matrices. Install BMPs in accordance with 1002.f.(2) to prevent runoff and completely contain impacts. Corrective action backdated to FIR 710100264.

Date:

09/25/2024

Pits:

☐ 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
710100289	2024_1015_Dechant State 3 Flowline Spill Photo Log	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750670">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750670</a>
710100290	Email Correspondence - Spill Fencing	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750671">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750671</a>
710100291	2024_1010_Dechant State 3 Flowline Spill Photo Log	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750672">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750672</a>
710100292	2024_0923_Dechant State Wellheads and TB Photo Log	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750673">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750673</a>
710100293	Email Correspondence - State Land Board requirement for fencing around O&G equipment	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750674">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6750674</a>