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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 312291 Inspector Name: Edwardson, Dylan On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: _____**Operator Information:**

ECMC 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:

7 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
100310	PIT	AC			-	PROPST 1A	RI
159442	UIC DISPOSAL	AC	01/16/2014		-	PROPST #1	RI
221078	WELL	IJ	10/01/2020	DSPW	075-09204	PROPST 1	RI
256304	PIT	AC			-	PROPST 1-A	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 to the previous FIR (doc #708201764) conducted on 10/29/2024.

Refer to Environmental FIR (doc #709100483) conducted on 02/03/2025 for additional information.

This location has an associated AOC with Order NO. (1V-870).

Refer to the photo documentation of the observed compliance issues attached to this report. Any corrective action(s) and corrective action due dates from previous inspections that have not been addressed are still applicable.

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 _____ Fail _____

Comment _____

Previous Comment from FIR (doc #708201015) "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".

It does not appear that the corrective action has been performed at the time of this inspection. Refer to attached inspection photos.

Corrective Action _____

Comply with Rule 1002.b.

Date _____

1002c. PROTECTION OF SOILS _____ Fail _____

Comment _____

Previous Comment from FIR (doc #708201015) "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".

Corrective Action _____

It does not appear that the corrective action has been performed at the time of this inspection. (Original CA Date: 04/09/2024).

Comply with Rule 1002.c.

Date _____

1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION _____ Fail _____

Comment _____

Previous Comment from FIR (doc #708201015) "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".

It does not appear that the corrective action has been performed at the time of this inspection. Original corrective action date remains applicable. Refer to attached inspection photos.

Corrective Action _____

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

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.

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? **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. Site degradation remains evident with open remediation excavations, improperly stabilized stockpiles and stormwater erosion issues. Additional reclamation activities are required. 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: _____

Date _____

Overall Final Reclamation _____ Well Release on Active Location ☐ Multi-Well Location ☐**Storm Water:**

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

Comment: During this inspection, it was observed that erosion degradation along the north side of the access road, east of the location, appears to have been repaired. However, it was not apparent that any other work was performed or BMPs implemented. Impacted material stockpiles remain unstabilized as they have been left unconsolidated. There are no apparent perimeter stormwater control measures around the stockpiled materials, which show evidence of rilling and sediment discharge outside of the fenced portions. New erosion degradation was observed east of the pit. 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**Attached Documents**You can go to ECMC Images (<https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/>) and search by document number:

Document Num	Description	URL
404082135	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6905907
718700034	Inspection Photos	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6905886