

**FORM  
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X/20**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203  
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697505798**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 486771 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_**Operator Information:**ECMC Operator Number: 10670Name of Operator: BISON IV OPERATING LLCAddress: 518 17TH STREET SUITE 1800City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202**Status Summary:**

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

**Findings:**10 Number of Comments1 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
486771	LOCATION	AC			-	Barracuda	CI

**General Comment:**

This is a Construction and Stormwater Inspection in response to Form 42: Notice of construction- Document #404093246.

**Location Construction**

Location ID: 486771 CDP: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comment:** A copy of the approved Form 2A was not posted on location. This was communicated to the Operator rep on location. Operator indicated that Form 2A's would be posted ASAP. Operator shall comply with Rule 406.c.

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_**Form 2A COAs:****Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_**Wildlife BMPs:**

**Comment:** Operator states in their Dust Mitigation Plan (DMP)- "Restriction of construction activity during high-wind days" and "All vehicles will be subject to a speed limit of 15 MPH on all lease roads to minimize dust."

At the time of this inspection, steady winds were blowing approximately 20 MPH and gusting over 30 MPH. Operator was not following their DMP by restricting any construction activity and some of the equipment on location was going over 15 MPH.

ECMC staff asked a Bison representative on location how they were planning to mitigate fugitive dust without restricting construction activity and they were using water suppression. However, it was unclear when water suppression activities were being performed and at what frequency.

Refer to the attached inspection photos and refer to the COGCC Comments section for additional compliance information.

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

Operator shall submit a Form 4 Sundry Notice to the attention of Chris Binschus with the following information:

- 1) Report all dust suppression activities for February 24, 2025.
- 2) Submit information on what frequency dust suppression activities will be performed during high-wind days.
- 3) Submit any other relevant information regarding how the Operator plans to follow their own DMP.

**Date:** 03/03/2025**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:

\_\_\_\_\_

Inspected Facilities									
Facility ID:	486771	Type:	LOCATION	API Number:	-	Status:	AC	Insp. Status:	CI
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: RANGELAND

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

**1002 SITE PREPARATION AND STABILIZATION**

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

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comment [At the time of this inspection, the Operator was performing topsoil salvage operations.](#)

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1002c. PROTECTION OF SOILS \_\_\_\_\_

Comment [Per Rule 1002.c., all stockpiles shall be protected from degradation due to contamination, compaction and, to the extent practicable, from wind and water erosion during drilling and production operations. Per Rule 1002.c., BMPs to prevent weed establishment and to maintain soil microbial activity shall be implemented.](#)

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comment [Per Rule 1002.e.\(1\), Operator shall adequately construct and stabilize the entire well pad area, including cut and fill slopes, to control dust and minimize erosion, alteration of natural features, removal of surface materials, and degradation due to contamination.](#)

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 Operator shall comply with interim reclamation timing requirements per Rule 1003.b.

If the Operator has delayed operations, Operator shall comply with Notice to Operators:  
Interim Reclamation Procedures for Delayed Operations (dated January 5, 2017).

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

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 ☐

**Storm Water:**

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

Comment: Temporary BMPs have been installed (ditch and berm and filtrex wattles) around the entire perimeter during the construction phase of the location. More permanent BMPs are planned to be installed per Weld County standards upon the completion of pad construction. A follow-up stormwater inspection will be conducted at a future date to ensure compliance with Rule 1002.f. standards.

Vehicle tracking device BMPs have been installed near the entrance of the location. At the time of this inspection, there were no track out issues observed.

Corrective Action:

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

**Pits:** ☐ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

**ECMC Comments**

Comment	User	Date
ECMC staff, Chris Binschus and Katelyn Mitchem, and Operator reps, Paul Buck and Tarah Garza, had a conference call on February 25, 2025 to discuss the dust compliance issues and the forthcoming corrective actions. ECMC staff communicated to the Operator that if future dust compliance issues like this were observed, ECMC would exercise its authority to cease operations causing fugitive dust per Rule 427.b.(1).	binschusc	02/26/2025

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
697505799	Inspection Photos	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6934838">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6934838</a>