

**FORM
INSP**Rev
X/20**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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Inspection Date:

03/05/2025

Submitted Date:

03/07/2025

Document Number:

716300650

FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 429093 Inspector Name: Beardslee, Tom On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: _____**Operator Information:**

ECMC Operator Number: 10412

Name of Operator: AUSCO PETROLEUM INC

Address: 113 N SANTA FE AVENUE

City: FLORENCE State: CO Zip: 81226

Status Summary:

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

Findings:

16 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
429092	WELL	WO	08/20/2018	LO	043-06216	Pathfinder 1	WO
430103	WELL	SI	10/01/2024	GW	043-06221	Pathfinder 2	SI

General Comment:

THIS INSPECTION IS IN RESPONSE TO A NOISE COMPLAINT (DOC. #404105661) AND A FOLLOW UP TO INSP. DOC #716300019 and INSP. DOC #713601619.

LocationOverall Good: ☒**Signs/Marker:**

Type	TANK LABELS/PLACARDS		
Comment:	PHOTO 5: TEMPORARY TANK BATTERY HAS NO NFPA STICKERS, NEATHER TANK HAS CONTENTS POSTED AND ONE TANK DOES NOT HAVE CAPACITY POSTED. PHOTO 6: 1550 GAL TANK NEXT TO PERMANENT IS NOT LABELED. PHOTO 8 & 9: NFPA STICKERS ARE FADING AND PEALING.		
Corrective Action:	Install sign to comply with Rule 605.h.	Date:	04/05/2025

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date: _____

Good Housekeeping:

Type	UNUSED EQUIPMENT		
Comment:	PHOTO 11: UNUSED EQUIPMENT (TWO GA.S CANS).		
Corrective Action:	REMOVE UNUSED EQUIPMENT PER RULE 606.	Date:	03/10/2025
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	PHOTO 10: AREA OF IMPACTED SOIL FROM LEAKING PUMP ON NORTHERN MOST PERMENANT TANK BATTERY.		
Corrective Action:	Conduct maintenance on equipment, cleanup stained material and review self inspection processes. COMPLY WITH RULE 1002.(2).	Date:	03/10/2025

Overall Good: ☐**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume		
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In Containment: No

Comment:

☐ Multiple Spills and Releases?**Equipment:**

Type: Gas Meter Run	# 2		corrective date
Comment:	BOTH CAL. REPORTS INDICATE GAS METERS HAVE BEEN CALIBRATED WITHIN THE LAST YEAR.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type: Pump Jack	# 1		
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type: Horizontal Heated Separator	# 1		
Comment:	SEE OPTICAL GAS IMAGING SURVEY FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type: Bradenhead	# 2		
Comment:	BOTH ARE ACCESSABLE		

Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type: Horizontal Separator	# 4		
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type: Other	# 1		
Comment:	<p>Complaint Form 18 doc # 404105661. Staff arrived on location at approx. 7:45 PM and set up 3M SoundPro DL meter ser. # BGN100002 with calibration date of 02/22/2024 on a tripod 5' above ground. Winds were calm and temperature was in the low 30's F. Due to topography and Proximity to cut slope survey was conducted ' from (GENERATORS) in direction of residential building unit. 61.6 db(a) average sound pressure for ~1 hour. Using distance formula, the 350' equivalent is 58.9 db(a). The survey was above 50 db(a) maximum for 24-hour equipment during 7 PM to 7 AM. At time of inspection ECMC field staff witnessed two generators on flatbed trailer, two bitcoin mining units in 40' conex containers and 1 pump jack in operation.</p>		
Corrective Action:	Operator must operate within the permissible noise range, rule 423.b.(3)B.(7)		Date: 03/08/2025
Type: Bird Protectors	# 6		
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type: VRT	# 2		
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

Tanks and Berms:

Contents	#	Capacity	Type	Tank ID	SE GPS
	2	500 BBLS	STEEL AST		38.328874,-105.178469
Comment:	SEE BEGINING OF THIS REPORT FOR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. ALSO TEMPARARY TANKS SHOULD BE REMOVED AS SOON AS THEY ARE NO LONGER NEEDED OR NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THIS LOCAITON.				
Corrective Action:					Date:

Paint

Condition	
Other (Content)	
Other (Capacity)	
Other (Type)	

Berms

Type	Capacity	Permeability (Wall)	Permeability (Base)	Maintenance	
Comment:	N/A				
Corrective Action:				Date:	
Contents	#	Capacity	Type	Tank ID	SE GPS
CRUDE OIL	2	400 BBLS	STEEL AST		38.329225,-105.178616
Comment:	SEE BEGINING OF THIS REPORT FOR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.				
Corrective Action:					Date:

Paint

Condition	Adequate				
Other (Content)					
Other (Capacity)					
Other (Type)					

Berms

Type	Capacity	Permeability (Wall)	Permeability (Base)	Maintenance	
Earth	Adequate	Walls Sufficent	Base Sufficent	Adequate	
Comment:					
Corrective Action:					Date: <div></div>

Venting:

Yes/No	NO		
Comment:			
Corrective Action:			Date: <div></div>

Flaring:

Type			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:			Date: <div></div>

Inspected Facilities										
Facility ID:	429092	Type:	WELL	API Number:	043-06216	Status:	WO	Insp. Status:	WO	
Producing Well										
Comment:	LAST FORM 7 WAS SUMITTED FOR JAN 1 2025 HOWEVER NO PRODUCTION OR GAS USED HAS BEEN REPORTED. PHOTO 12 & 13: METER ONE SHOWS GAS PRODUCTION.									
Corrective Action:	SUBMIT PRODUCTION REPORTS (FORM 7) THIS REPORT NEEDS TO INCLUDE ALL PRODUCTION AND GAS USED PER RULE 309.							Date:	04/05/2025	
BradenHead										
Date of Last Brhd Test:		09/09/2024		Annual Brhd Completed?		Yes				
Last Brhd Test Results		Initial Surf Csg Pressure:		18		Fluid Type:		NONE		
		End Surf Csg Pressure:		16						
Comment:										
Corrective Action:									Date:	
The subreport 'InspWellFlowline' could not be found at the specified location \\10.14.12										
Facility ID:	430103	Type:	WELL	API Number:	043-06221	Status:	SI	Insp. Status:	SI	
Idle Well										
Purpose:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shut In		<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandoned		Reminder:				
Comment:										
Corrective Action:									Date:	
BradenHead										
Date of Last Brhd Test:		09/09/2024		Annual Brhd Completed?		Yes				
Last Brhd Test Results		Initial Surf Csg Pressure:		14		Fluid Type:		VAPOR		
		End Surf Csg Pressure:		0						
Comment:										
Corrective Action:									Date:	
The subreport 'InspWellFlowline' could not be found at the specified location \\10.14.12										

Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit

Storm Water:

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

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date:

Pits: ☒ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Optical Gas Imaging SurveySurvey Type: RoutineCurrent Operations: ☒ Production ☐ Workover ☐ Flowback ☐ Referred to APCD

GPS(entrance of location): Lat: _____ Long: _____

Wind: Light Speed: 1.2 (mph) Direction From: SW Weather: Clear Temperature: 32 (F)Assisting Staff: Tom Beardslee Camera #: _____☐ Visible Smoke ☐ Referred to CDPHE

Times Surveyed

Equipment Surveyed

Time Survey Start	AM/PM	Time Survey End	AM/PM	Equipment
8:12	PM	8:37	PM	Separation Equipment

Comment: **PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE IS POPPING OFF ALMOST CONSTANT AND IS LEAKING GAS ON NORTH END OF SEPARATOR INSIDE AN ENCLOSED COMPARTMENT OF SEPARATOR. IT DOES NOT APPEAR SAFE TO HAVE THAT MUCH GAS VENTED INTO THE ENCLOSED SPACE WITHOUT SOME KIND OF VENTILATION.**

Corrective Action: **ENSURE PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE IS OPERATING PROPERLY, DO NOT USE PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE TO REGULATE EXCESSIVE BACK PRESSURE, COMPLY WITH RULE 608.e. AN FIRR WAS NOT REPORTED FROM PREVIOUS INSPECTION'S CORRECTIVE ACTION AND IT APPEARS THAT EQUIPMENT IS STILL MALFUNCTIONING. REPAIR EQUIPMENT, PROVIDE MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS FOR HEATED SEPARATOR AND Field Inspection Report Resolution form (FIRR) per rule 210.b. & 207**

Date: 09/21/2024**ECMC Comments**

Comment	User	Date
CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR METER CALIBRATION FROM INSP. DOC #716300019 HAS BEEN COMPLETED. CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR 608.e. HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED. CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR METER CALIBRATION FROM INSP. DOC #713601619 CA FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION HAS BEEN ADDRESSED, FENCE HAS BEEN REMOVED AND LOCATION HAS BEEN CLEANED UP AND NEW BITCOIN MINING EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED. Complaint Form 18 doc # 404105661. Staff arrived on location at approx. 7:45 PM and set up 3M SoundPro DL meter ser. # BGN100002 with calibration date of 02/22/2024 on a tripod 5' above ground. Winds were calm and temperature was in the low 30's F. Due to topography and Proximity to cut slope survey was conducted ' from (GENERATORS) in direction of residential building unit. 61.6 db(a) average sound pressure for ~1 hour. Using distance formula, the 350' equivalent is 58.9 db(a). The survey was above 50 db(a) maximum for 24-hour equipment during 7 PM to 7 AM. Operator must operate within the permissible noise range, rule 423.b.(3)B.(7) At time of inspection ECMC field staff witnessed two generators on flatbed trailer, two bitcoin mining units in 40' conex containers and 1 pump jack in operation.	beardslt	03/05/2025

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

Document Num	Description	URL
404120018	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6949744
716300651	INSP. PHOTOS	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6949741
716300652	FLIR VIDEO	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6949742
716300653	SOUND STUDY	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6949743