

**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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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 487650 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_**Operator Information:**

ECMC Operator Number: 10456

Name of Operator: CAERUS PICEANCE LLC

Address: 1001 17TH STREET #1600

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

**Status Summary:**☐ THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION☒ FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED☐ NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED**Findings:**

17 Number of Comments

3 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:**

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
,		ecmc.inspections@qb-energy.com	

**General Comment:**

On 3/17/2025, Western Reclamation Work Lead Trujillo conducted a pre-drill, construction and stormwater inspection at Caerus Piceance LLC's ELU M12-496 location in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

Limited inspection due to winter conditions.

At time of inspection, wells have not been permitted on this Location.

Location is Fee Surface / Fee Mineral

Location is within the following High Priority Habitats: Elk Production Area; Elk Winter Concentration Area; Mule Deer Migration Corridor; Greater Sage Grouse Priority Habitat Management Area; Mule Deer Migration Corridor; Mule Deer Winter Concentration Area;

The following compliance issues were observed during this inspection:

- Signage and Permit posting requirements
- Stormwater

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

Refer to the photo-documentation of the observed compliance issues attached to this report.

Any corrective action(s) from previous inspection that have not been addressed are still applicable.

**Location**Overall Good: ☒**Signs/Marker:**

Type OTHER

Comment: A copy of the approved Form 2A, and any Form 4 modifying the approved Form 2A, has not been posted in a protected and conspicuous place on the Location.

A PVC tube at sign along access road appears to be intended for the permit; tube was empty at time of inspection.

Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 406.c.

Date:

No CA date is being provided as Rules require that the Form 2A to be posted and on-site at all times upon the commencement of operations, until interim reclamation is complete.

Type OTHER

Comment: Only signage in place is currently Located at access road intersection. Sign is currently blown over.

Signage will need to be placed at the Location entrance, in addition to intersection, to comply with Rule 605.a and 406.d requirements.

Corrective Action: Comply with 605 and 406 signage requirements.

Date: 04/19/2025

**Emergency Contact Number:**

Comment: 970-285-2615 / 911

Corrective Action:

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

Overall Good: ☒**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume		
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In Containment: No

Comment:

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

Yes/No

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date:

**Flaring:**

Type		
Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date:

**Location Construction**

Location ID: 487650

CDP: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: Location construction activities appear to have been completed. Poor weather conditions prevented inspector from mapping the Location. A follow-up inspection will be conducted to determine compliance with the Form 2A permitted disturbance area requirements.

Corrective Action:

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

**Form 2A COAs:**

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date:

**Wildlife BMPs:**

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date:

**Stormwater:**

Erosion BMPs

Present

Other BMPs

Present

Comments: Erosion BMPs:

Pursuant to the Form 2A permitted Layout Drawing and SWMP, multiple culverts and sediment traps were to be installed along the access road leading to the Location.

Unable to determine if BMPs were installed due to snow cover at time of inspection. A follow-up inspection will be conducted to determine compliance with Location's Form 2A.

Other BMPs:

Corrective Action:

Date:

BERMS

Yes

Comments: Erosion BMPs:

Earthen berms constructed along the perimeter of the working pad surface.

Other BMPs:

Corrective Action:

Date:

WADDLES

Yes

Comments: Erosion BMPs:

Erosion Logs

Apparent along access road, and perimeter of the Location's disturbance.

Other BMPs:

Corrective Action:

Date:

BERMS

Yes

Comments: Erosion BMPs:

Earthen berms constructed along the northern and eastern perimeter of the Location. Berms appear to be designed in a manner that will divert runoff into the collection basins.

Other BMPs:

Corrective Action:

Date:

Comments: Erosion BMPs:

Cut slopes covered in snow at time of inspection. Unclear if BMPs to minimize erosion and degradation have been implemented at the cut slopes.

Other BMPs:

Corrective Action:

Date:

Yes

Comments: Erosion BMPs:

Gravel/Road Base/Compaction.

Working Pad Surface and access road.

Other BMPs:

Corrective Action:

Date:

RETENTION PONDS	Yes		
Comments: Erosion BMPs: "Stormwater Basins" constructed on the Northwest, North and Southeast ends of the Location's disturbance.  A follow-up inspection will be conducted once conditions improve to evaluate volume/capacity of BMPs compared to the From 2A permitted Layout Drawing and SWMP.			
Other BMPs:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	
WADDLES	Yes	Yes	
Comments: Erosion BMPs: Erosion logs have been installed along the toe/perimeter of the topsoil stockpile on the south end of the Location.  Hydromulch also evident at slopes/stockpile.			
Other BMPs:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	
		Vehicle Trakcing	No
Comments: Erosion BMPs: Pursuant to the From 2A permitted Layout Drawing and SWMP, a "Vehicle Track Pad / Rumble Strip" is to be installed at both the Primary and Secondary Access Points of the Location.  It was observed in this inspection that an engineered Vehicle Track Pad, or Rumble Strip VTC have not been installed at either Location entrance.			
Other BMPs:		Due to a combination of snow cover on the Location, the fact that Operations are currently not "ongoing" at the Location, and expected vehicle traffic is minimal and/or not expected until Operations commence, a longer CA date is being provided. However, it is ECMC's expectation that the BMPs will be installed per good engineering practice prior to the commencement of further Operations and/or increased vehicle and equipment traffic at the Location.	
Corrective Action:		Comply with Rule 1002.f, and the Form 2A permitted Layout Drawing and SWMP.	Date: 05/19/2025
BMPs will be required by the CA date, or prior to the commencement of further Operations and/or increased vehicle and equipment traffic at the Location, whichever comes first.			

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: _____
<u>Summary of Landowner Issues:</u>		
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<u>Summary of Operator Response to Landowner Issues:</u>		
<div></div>		
<u>Onsite Inspection Memorandum Summarizing Discussions at Inspection as Attachment:</u>		
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Weather conditions prevented inspector from determining compliance with 1002.b requirements. A follow-up inspection will be conducted once conditions improve.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Erosion logs have been installed along the toe/perimeter of the topsoil stockpile on the south end of the Location.

Hydromulch also evident at slopes/stockpile.

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

Pursuant to Form 2A 403598319, Operator has received a variance to Rule 406.e.(4) to allow for an additional 22 months to commence drilling operations following the setting of conductors on this location; and a variance to Rule 1003.b to delay interim reclamation on the location for 28 months following the setting of the last conductor.

Additional Financial Assurance of \$213,970 has been provided per the Delayed Interim Reclamation NTO.

No wells have been permitted on this Location at this time.

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:	<input type="text"/>	
Corrective Action:	<input type="text"/>	Date _____
Overall Final Reclamation	Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/>

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
404134547	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6966648">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6966648</a>
718100315	Inspection Photos	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6966628">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6966628</a>