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**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID 322649 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris On-Site Inspection  2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_

**Status Summary:**

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

**Operator Information:**

ECMC Operator Number: 10435  
Name of Operator: MENDELL NIOBRARA LLC  
Address: 1750 N HUMBOLDT ST #100  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80218

**Findings:**

- 5 Number of Comments
- 1 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
322649	LOCATION	AL			-	FIKE FACILITY & PAD	RI

**General Comment:**

[This is a follow up Final Reclamation and Stormwater inspection to Field Inspection Report Doc.# 682502458.](#)

**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 322649 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: AL Insp. Status: RI

The subreport 'InspWellFlowline' could not be found at the specified location \\10.14.12

**Environmental**

**Spills/Releases:**

Type of Spill: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Spill Volume: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: ECMC staff confirms that all Spills and Remediation Projects have been approved and closed.

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

Reportable: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS: Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

Proximity to Surface Water: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth to Ground Water: \_\_\_\_\_

**Water Well Complaint:**

DWR Receipt Num: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS : \_\_\_\_\_ Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Parameters:**

Sample Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Corrective Action

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Interim Reclamation

**Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:**

Date Final Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Final Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Land Use: RANGELAND \_\_\_\_\_

Reminder: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: Operator has an approved variance not to reclaim the well location and access road per Rule 1004 and leave it stabilized with gravel- Form 4 Doc.# 401781795. However, the tank battery shall be reclaimed per Rule 1004 standards.

Well plugged Pass Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled \_\_\_\_\_

Debris removed Pass 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% **Fail** 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:

	<p>Based on the above referenced Form 4, Operator stated that additional final reclamation activities were performed on May 1, 2018. After seven growing seasons, the tank battery has sparse establishment with predominately bare ground, which is not reflective of reference areas.</p> <p>It appears that introduced grass species were seeded, which likely are not adapted to the soil conditions and the environment. The reference area vegetation is predominately Saltgrass (<i>Distichlis spicata</i>) with some minor components of Western wheatgrass (<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>). Refer to the attached inspection photos.</p>	
Corrective Action:	<p>Comply with Rule 1004. Reseed disturbance areas 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 1004 standards, including stormwater and weed management.</p> <p>Final reclamation activities shall be completed by May 1, 2025.</p>	Date <b>05/01/2025</b>
<p>Overall Final Reclamation <b>Fail</b>      Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/>      Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/></p>		

**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

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
697505879	Inspection Photos	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6975858">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6975858</a>