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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 312407 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_**Operator Information:**

ECMC Operator Number: 10150

Name of Operator: BLACK HILLS PLATEAU PRODUCTION LLC

Address: 1515 WYNKOOP ST STE 500

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

**Status Summary:**

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

**Findings:**

6 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****Contact Information:**

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**Inspected Facilities:**

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
221510	WELL	PA	08/21/2013	GW	077-08111	KATHLYN YOUNG 4-15	PA
312407	LOCATION	CL			-	KATHLYN YOUNG-610S95W 15NWSE	RI

**General Comment:**

On 5/20/2025, Western Reclamation Work Lead Trujillo and Northwest Reclamation Specialist Gaasche conducted a Final Reclamation inspection at BLACK HILLS PLATEAU PRODUCTION LLC's KATHLYN YOUNG #4-15 location in Mesa County, Colorado.

Location is within the following High Priority Habitats: Elk Winter Concentration Area.

This inspection is a follow-up to #696204939 dated 5/15/2023 and #696205299 dated 9/27/2023 to document compliance with the following corrective actions:

- Final Reclamation
- Stormwater

It was observed in this inspection that the Location remains out of compliance with ECMC Rules and Corrective Actions

Refer to the Reclamation and Stormwater section of this inspection report for additional details.

Refer to the photo-documentation attached to this report.

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

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Facility ID:	312407	Type:	LOCATION	API Number:	-	Status:	CL	Insp. Status:	RI
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**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  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Debris removed \_\_\_\_\_ No disturbance /Location never built \_\_\_\_\_

Access Roads Regraded Fail Contoured Fail Culverts removed \_\_\_\_\_

Gravel removed Fail

Location and associated production facilities reclaimed Fail Locations, facilities, roads, recontoured Fail

Compaction alleviation Fail Dust and erosion control Fail

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: [See "COGCC Comments" at the end of this report.](#)

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

Overall Final Reclamation In Process 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: [See "COGCC Comments" at the end of this report.](#)

Corrective Action: [CA Per inspection #696204939](#)

Comply with Rule 1002.f and install and maintain stormwater and erosion control BMPs to minimize erosion, degradation and off-site sediment transport. Ensure BMPs are implemented to stabilize the seeded soils; stormwater management required until Location receives a passing final reclamation inspection.

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

Pits: ☐ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

**ECMC Comments**

Comment	User	Date
<p><b>RECLAMATION AND STORMWATER COMMENT</b></p> <p>Previous inspections observed that Final Reclamation of the Location was not complete in accordance with 1004 Rules; Location has not been recontoured/regraded and reclaimed. Cut and fill slopes evident; Cut slopes lack stabilization and erosion degradation was observed. A soil stockpile was observed on the southern areas of the Location; segregated soils have not been replaced to their original relative positions and contoured. Gravel and road base material remains apparent on Location; access road has not been decompacted, recontoured/regraded and reclaimed; unused pipe equipment remained stored on the Location.</p> <p>Inspections required Operator to comply with Rules 1004 and 1002.f by 7/17/2023.</p> <p>It was observed in this inspection that the Location has not been reclaimed, pipe equipment has not been removed, and stormwater and erosion control BMPs have not been installed or maintained; slopes on the Location remain bare and unstabilized- erosion degradation has persisted on the Location and access road.</p> <p>Operator filed a hearings application (docket #240100018) with a 502.b surface owner variance request from ECMC Rules 1004.c. (2-3), 1004.d. and 1004.e; for the Location and access road to be left in its current state.</p> <p>The overall status of the Reclamation is being considered "in process" pending the Commission's decision, and resolution of the Variance Hearing Application.</p> <p>The corrective actions related to stormwater management remains applicable.</p>	trujilloam	05/29/2025
Several wildlife caracases were observed throughout the Location; within the southern end of the flat areas of the well pad, as well as the fill slopes.	trujilloam	05/29/2025

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
718100536	Inspection Photos and Drone Report	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7073570">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7073570</a>