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**State of Colorado
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FIELD INSPECTION FORM

Loc ID 305201 Inspector Name: Rollins, Grace 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: 46290
Name of Operator: KP KAUFFMAN COMPANY INC
Address: 1700 LINCOLN ST STE 4550
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80203

Findings:

- 22 Number of Comments
- 15 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
305201	LOCATION	AC			-	Vawter 14-2	EI
493929	SPILL OR RELEASE	AC	04/27/2026		-	Vawter Tank Battery	EI

General Comment:

ECMC Field Inspection Report Summary

This is an environmental inspection to determine progress on Spill ID 493929. The tank battery at Location ID 305201 and the Vawter #14-2 well (API # 05-123-22637) were also included in the scope of this inspection. Any corrective actions from previous inspections, NOAVs and/or conditions of approval from previous forms that have not been fully addressed are still applicable. Photos attached to document site conditions.

Site/Spill Name: Vawter Tank Battery

Spill ID: 493929

Location ID: 305201

Well Name: Vawter #14-2

Well API #: 05-123-22637

Reported Date of Discovery: 04/21/2026

Date of Inspection: 04/23/2026

ECMC Staff Conducting Inspection: Laurel Anderson and Grace Rollins

Current Spill status:

- Operator personnel and equipment (backhoe, pickup truck, dump trailer) were on location at the time of inspection.
- Operator personnel were observed dumping soil of an unknown source on the surface of the location upon arrival of ECMC staff. Gray to black staining was visible in pieces of the soil. This soil was later used for backfill.
- Operator personnel were observed removing impacted soil from around the separator at the Spill location using shovels and the backhoe.
- A strong petroleum hydrocarbon odor was observed in the vicinity of the Spill.
- Residue (presumed microbial) was visible on the internal components of the separator, removed for repair.
- Residue from the mist of the Spill remains on equipment adjacent to the Spill.
- The nature of the impacts reported to ECMC through Spill/Release Point ID 493929 were surficial. However, Operator personnel continued to remove soil to a depth of approximately 2 ft below the surface of the separator containment. At depth, gray to black staining was observed beneath the front of the separator. This staining is consistent with petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in a chemically reducing soil environment over time and appears to be indicative of a historical release.
- Excavated soil was loaded into the back of the dump trailer.
- While ECMC staff were inspecting the crude oil AST and partially buried produced water vessel, Operator personnel began backfilling the area excavated at the Spill area. The condition of the final extent of the excavation could not be observed by ECMC staff.

Current Location status:

- Staining was visible on the two 300-bbl steel crude oil ASTs.
- Black plastic is wrapped around two portions of the above-ground lines adjacent to the ASTs.
- Material adjacent to the southern crude oil AST loadout appeared to be new or to have been disturbed in comparison with the surrounding earthen secondary containment berm. No indications of impact were visible on the surface; however, stained soil was visible immediately beneath the surface and a strong petroleum hydrocarbon odor was observed when the material was disturbed.
- A patch was visible on the side of the northern crude oil AST. Slight staining was observed adjacent to the patch. Darker gray staining was observed when the stained soil was disturbed; minimal odor was observed. At a depth of approximately 3 in beneath the surface, the material was very moist. This area was above-grade of the rest of the location. No standing water was visible at the location.
- Discrete areas of stained soil were visible outside of the Spill area. Per Operator personnel on location, this is hydraulic fluid leaking from the backhoe.
- Stained soil was visible at the Vawter #14-2 wellhead.
- Signage with emergency contact number was visible at the tank battery. Signage at the Vawter #14-2 was askew.
- Weeds were visible within secondary containment berms.

See attached corrective actions.

Location			
Overall Good: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Signs/Marker:			
Type	TANK LABELS/PLACARDS		
Comment:	Produced water vessel label has faded and is becoming illegible.		
Corrective Action:	Install or repair sign to comply with Rule 605.	Date:	06/28/2026
Type	TANK LABELS/PLACARDS		
Comment:	Crude oil AST placards are faded and peeling.		
Corrective Action:	Install or repair sign to comply with Rule 605.	Date:	06/28/2026
Type	WELLHEAD		
Comment:	Signage at the Vawter #14-2 was askew.		
Corrective Action:	Secure sign at well to comply with Rule 605.	Date:	05/29/2026
Emergency Contact Number:			
Comment:	Signage with emergency contact number was visible at the tank battery.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Good Housekeeping:			
Type	WEEDS		
Comment:	Weeds were visible within secondary containment berms.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.	Date:	05/06/2026
Overall Good: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Spills:			
Type	Area	Volume	
	Truck Loadout		
Comment:	Material adjacent to the southern crude oil AST loadout appeared to be new or or to have been disturbed in comparison with the surrounding earthen secondary containment berm. No indications of impact were visible on the surface; however, stained soil was visible immediately beneath the surface and a strong petroleum hydrocarbon odor was observed when the material was disturbed.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with ECMC Rules. Operator shall immediately control and contain spills/releases and investigate, clean up and document impacts per Rule 912.a. Note: for any spills that do not meet the reporting requirements of Rule 912.b.; Operator shall provide documentation of the cleanup efforts (photo documentation and waste disposal manifests) to the Director per Rule 912.a.(5) - Operator may submit documentation via FIRR. Additionally, Operator shall properly handle, transport and dispose of E&P waste in accordance with 905 Series Rules.		Date: 05/29/2026
	WELLHEAD		
Comment:	Stained soil is visible at the Vawter #14-2 wellhead.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with ECMC Rules. Operator shall immediately control and contain spills/releases and investigate, clean up and document impacts per Rule 912.a. Note: for any spills that do not meet the reporting requirements of Rule 912.b.; Operator shall provide documentation of the cleanup efforts (photo documentation and waste disposal manifests) to the Director per Rule 912.a.(5) - Operator may submit documentation via FIRR. Additionally, Operator shall properly handle, transport and dispose of E&P waste in accordance with 905 Series Rules.		Date: 05/29/2026
	Tank		

Comment:	A patch was visible on the side of the northern crude oil AST. Slight staining was observed adjacent to the patch. Darker gray staining was observed when the stained soil was disturbed; minimal odor was observed. At a depth of approximately 3 in beneath the surface, the material was very moist. This area was above-grade of the rest of the location. No standing water was visible at the location.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with ECMC Rules. Operator shall immediately control and contain spills/releases and investigate, clean up and document impacts per Rule 912.a. Note: for any spills that do not meet the reporting requirements of Rule 912.b.; Operator shall provide documentation of the cleanup efforts (photo documentation and waste disposal manifests) to the Director per Rule 912.a.(5) - Operator may submit documentation via FIRR. Additionally, Operator shall properly handle, transport and dispose of E&P waste in accordance with 905 Series Rules.	Date:	05/29/2026
Comment:	Discrete areas of stained soil were visible outside of the Spill area. Per Operator personnel on location, this is hydraulic fluid leaking from the backhoe.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with ECMC Rules. Operator shall immediately control and contain spills/releases and investigate, clean up and document impacts per Rule 912.a. Note: for any spills that do not meet the reporting requirements of Rule 912.b.; Operator shall provide documentation of the cleanup efforts (photo documentation and waste disposal manifests) to the Director per Rule 912.a.(5) - Operator may submit documentation via FIRR. Additionally, Operator shall properly handle, transport and dispose of E&P waste in accordance with 905 Series Rules.	Date:	05/29/2026

In Containment: No

Comment:

Multiple Spills and Releases?

Equipment:			corrective date
Type: Other	#		
Comment:	Residue from the mist of the Spill remains on equipment adjacent to the Spill.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type: Horizontal Heated Separator	#		
Comment:	Residue (presumed microbial) was visible on the internal components of the separator, removed for repair.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type: Other	#		
Comment:	Black plastic is wrapped around two portions of the above-ground lines adjacent to the ASTs.		
Corrective Action:	Securely fasten all valves, pipes, fittings, and Production Facilities to ensure good mechanical condition, inspect at regular intervals and maintain in good mechanical condition per Rule 608.e.		Date: 05/14/2026

Tanks and Berms:

Contents	#	Capacity	Type	Tank ID	SE GPS
CRUDE OIL		300 BBLS	STEEL AST		
Comment:	A patch was visible on the side of the northern crude oil AST. Slight staining was observed adjacent to the patch.				
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 608.f.(4).				Date: 05/14/2026

Paint

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

Berms

Type	Capacity	Permeability (Wall)	Permeability (Base)	Maintenance	
Comment:					
Corrective Action:				Date:	
Contents	#	Capacity	Type	Tank ID	SE GPS
Comment:				Compromised integrity of multiple pieces of infrastructure was observed at this Location.	
Corrective Action:				Operator shall provide all maintenance records from the past 5 years in accordance with Rule 608.f.(3). Operator may submit documentation via FIRR.	
				Date:	05/29/2026

Paint

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

Berms

Type	Capacity	Permeability (Wall)	Permeability (Base)	Maintenance	
Comment:					
Corrective Action:				Date:	
Contents	#	Capacity	Type	Tank ID	SE GPS
CRUDE OIL	2	300 BBLS	STEEL AST		
Comment:				Staining was visible on the two 300-bbl steel crude oil ASTs.	
Corrective Action:				Securely fasten all valves, pipes, fittings, and Production Facilities to ensure good mechanical condition, inspect at regular intervals and maintain in good mechanical condition per Rule 608.e.	
				Date:	05/14/2026

Paint

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

Berms

Type	Capacity	Permeability (Wall)	Permeability (Base)	Maintenance
Comment:				
Corrective Action:				Date:

Venting:

Yes/No		
Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date:

Flaring:

Type	
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Comment:	
Corrective Action:	Date:

Inspected Facilities

Facility ID: 305201 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: EI

Facility ID: 493929 Type: SPILL OR API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: EI

Environmental

Spills/Releases:

Type of Spill: _____ Estimated Spill Volume: _____

Comment: The nature of the impacts reported to ECMC through Spill/Release Point ID 493929 were surficial. However, Operator personnel continued to remove soil to a depth of approximately 2 ft below the surface of the separator containment. At depth, gray to black staining was observed beneath the front of the separator. This staining is consistent with petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in a chemically reducing soil environment over time and appears to be indicative of a historical release. While ECMC staff were inspecting the crude oil ASTs and partially buried produced water vessel, Operator personnel began backfilling the area excavated at the Spill area. The condition of the final extent of the excavation could not be observed by ECMC staff.

Corrective Action: Pursuant to Rule 912.b. Operator shall report the impacts of the historical release. A Form 19 — Initial Report is due by May 2, 2026. Date: 05/02/2026

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: _____

Waste Management:

Type	Management	Condition	GPS (Lat) (Long)
Comment	Operator personnel were observed dumping soil of an unknown source on the surface of the location upon arrival of ECMC staff. Gray to black staining was visible in pieces of the soil. This soil was later used for backfill. Excavated soil from the Spill location was loaded into the back of the dump trailer.		
Corrective Action	Operator shall properly dispose of oily waste in accordance with Rule 905.e and shall provide all waste manifests as required by Rule 905.b.(3) for oily waste hauled off site for disposal. Operator shall provide copies of each invoice, bill, or ticket, and such other records as necessary to document the source and nature of the backfill material. This documentation shall be provided on the subsequent Form 19 — Supplemental Report, due by May 1, 2026.		Date: <u>05/02/2026</u>

Spill/Remediation:

Comment: Spill ID 493929 was created to address the remediation of impacts identified at the Vawter Tank Battery. Operator personnel were observed removing impacted soil from around the separator at the Spill location using shovels and the backhoe. A strong petroleum hydrocarbon odor was observed in the vicinity of the Spill.

The nature of the impacts reported to ECMC through Spill/Release Point ID 493929 were surficial. However, Operator personnel continued to remove soil to a depth of approximately 2 ft below the surface of the separator containment. Excavated soil was loaded into the back of the dump trailer. The condition of the final extent of the excavation could not be observed by ECMC staff. Gray to black staining was visible in pieces of the soil used for backfill.

Corrective Action: In accordance with 912.a.(2) Operator will investigate, cleanup, and document impacts resulting from Spill and Releases as soon as the impacts are discovered. Per Rule 912.b.(4), a Form 19 — Supplemental Report is due by May 1, 2026. Date: 05/01/2026

Emission Control Burner (ECB): _____

Comment: _____

Pilot: _____ Wildlife Protection Devices (fired vessels): _____

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
404640149	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7531771
717100528	ECMC Photo Log - Vawter Tank Battery - 4.23.2026	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7531766