

**From:** [Robert Chesson - DNR](#)  
**To:** [John Axelson - DNR](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Griffin Management - Tori #1 05-001-07268  
**Date:** Friday, September 18, 2015 3:19:00 PM  
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John,

It doesn't look like we have any record of any closure(s). There is a pit associated with the well (#113727 – no status) under Cotton Petroleum but it does not seem to be for a skim pit. Cotton was operator from 1977 till 1986.



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No Lease Sheet

APR 07 1983

APPLICATION FOR SKIM PIT

1. CHECK ONE: NEW PIT  EXISTING PIT  TREATMENT FACILITY  OTHER  COLO. OIL & GAS CONSERV. COMM

2. NAME OF OPERATOR COTTON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR 3773 Cherry Creek Dr. No. - Suite 750 - Denver, CO 80209 PHONE NO. (303) 355-0101

4. LEASE NAME Linnebur - UPRR 5. PRODUCING FORMATION Muddy D & J 6. GROUND ELEVATION 4,820'

7. LOCATION (Report location clearly to the nearest 10 acres) C SE/4 SW/4 Sec. 23-T15-R59W 8. COUNTY Adams 9. STATE Colorado

10. SIZE OF PIT: 1st Pit 12' x 12' x 7' Overflow pit 12' x 15' x 5' FT. FT. FT.

11. CAPACITY 100 BBLs. 12. ESTIMATED INFLOW 1 1/2 BIS/DAY

13. DISPOSAL OF PIT CONTENT: HAILED \_\_\_\_\_ DISPOSAL WELL \_\_\_\_\_ EVAPORATION

14. MAXIMUM FLUID LEVEL ABOVE AVG. GROUND LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_ FT.

15. DRAINAGE DISTANCE IN FEET TO CLOSEST FRESH WATER POND, STREAM OR LAKE 7,920 FT.

16. SUBSOIL TYPE Sand & Gravel

17. TYPE OF SEALING MATERIAL (Including specifications and Method of Application) First Pit - 2 x 12 Cedar Overflow pit - None

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (By attachment include detailed plan of operation, chemical analysis of produced water, necessary maps, logs and other information as may be required by Rules 325 and 326 of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.)

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JAM	
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LAR	
GCM	

19. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT

SIGNED D.E. Wood TITLE Division Production Mgr. DATE 4-4-83

THIS SPACE FOR COMMISSION USE

APPROVED BY William Smith TITLE DIRECTOR O & G Cons. Comm. DATE AUG 10 1983

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY: subject to recommendations of inspector, report attached. SEE ATTACHED MEMO Please advise when pit is to be lined.

A field inspection from 1988 shows a skim pit (20 x 20) but the copy is poor. It looks like the inspector may have indicated it a covered.



NEW WELL

LEASE INSPECTION FORM

DATE 10-6-88 OPERATOR Apache FIELD Harvested
COUNTY Adams LEASE UPRR Cinnabar LOCATION 1559 N 23
WELLS & STATUS 1-PR
CLASS 3- LEASE SIGN: YES / NO TANK ID: YES NO NA

TYPE OF OBSERVED WATER DISPOSAL:
EVAP. PITS TANKS/TRUCKED INJECTED\* NOT DETERMINED NA
ESTIMATED WATER PRODUCTION

BRADENHEAD PRESSURE FLUID: NO YES TYPE

STOCK TANKS 2-200

EQUIPMENT VHT, Pumps

SKIM TANK/PIT 20X20

PITS

CONDITION OF LEASE

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The well was plugged in 1996. The site has had reclaim. inspections back to Ed Binkely (1996/1997) and including one by Randy from 2012 (failed due to debris, gravel road). I can find no further record of any skim pit(s) only a statement in a 10/22/96 NOAV to San Marco (Operator) from Binkley which indicates a failed skim pit closure (not 2 pits). This NOAV was later canceled (Field Inspection report 11-27-96). Also showing the SR inspection as Passed and location plowed. He noted slight oil in

topsoil.

NOAV

Well/Site/Facility: UPRR-Linnelbur #	Legal Description ( 1/4 1/4, Section, Township, Range, P.M.): SE5W 23-15-59W	County: Adams
Lease Number:	API Number: 05-001-07268	
COGCC Representative: Ed Brinkley	Phone Number: 970-842-4465	Date of Alleged Violation: 10-21-96
		Approx Time of Violation: 2 pm
THE FOLLOWING ALLEGED VIOLATION WAS FOUND BY THE COGCC REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SITE LISTED		
Describe Alleged Violation: 1) Restoration exceeds six month grace period from plugging the well. Pump, 2-tanks and vertical treater remain at site.		
2) Oil spilled on ground caused by improper skin pit closure. 3) Bond release was requested prior to restoration.		
Act, Order, Regulation, Permit Conditions Cited: Rule 906a.; 906 fi; 907 di; 1004		
Abatement or Corrective Action to be Completed by: 11-29-96		
Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator *: Remove oily soil, debris and production equipment. Recountour well site and battery site for farming operation.		

INSPECTION



**RADO OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**FIELD INSPECTION REPORT**

<input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF UNSATISFACTORY INSPECTION	1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 800 Denver, CO 80203 (303)894-2100
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF SATISFACTORY INSPECTION	
API No. 05- 001 - 7268	LEASE NAME: UPRR - Linsbur 1
LOCATION: SESW 23-15-59	OPERATOR: San Marco
DATE: 11-27-96	INSPECTOR: EBB
Insp. Type: SR	Insp. Status: PA PA: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N
	Pass/Fail: <input checked="" type="radio"/> P <input type="radio"/> F Viol.: Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N

INSPECTION ITEM	COMMENTS	INPUT
<b>Well ID Signs</b> (Rule 210, 604.c(4))	Cancel No-AV	
<b>Pits (Reserve/Production)</b> (Rule 902, 903, 904, 905)		
<b>Fences</b> (Rule 603.b.7, 604.C.(3), 1002.A)		
<b>Tank Battery Equipment</b> (Rule 603.b.3, 604)		
<b>Fire Walls/Berms/Dikes</b> (Rule 603.b.12, 604)		
<b>General Housekeeping</b> (Rule 603)		
<b>Spills (Oil/Water)</b> (Rule 907)		
<b>Bradenhead</b> (Rule 207.b)		
<b>Drilling Well/Workover</b> (Rule 317)		
<b>Surface Rehabilitation</b> (Rule 1002, 1003, 1004, 1103)	plowed location in cultivated grass area	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Contractor - Betty Payne. Slight oily soil in topsoil.	
<b>CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED:</b>		

San Marco Petroleum (#74975) operated this well during pit inventory time and here is what I found in the Operator Files:



# SAN MARCO PETROLEUM, INC.

633 17TH Street, Suite 2370 • Denver, Colorado 80202-3623 • (303) 291-1199 • FAX: (303) 294-9202

February 9, 1998  
CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
Attn: Ms. Robin Reade  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: PIT Inventory Reports

Dear Ms. Reade:

Please let this letter serve as notice to the Department of Natural Resources that San Marco Petroleum, Inc. did not have oil and gas pits pursuant to Rule 901.d. as of June 30, 1995.

Very truly yours,  
SAN MARCO PETROLEUM, INC.

*John F. Sheridan*  
John F. Sheridan  
President

- Operator.

JFS/te

*51898 Address checked &/or  
changed in database.*

*Griffin*

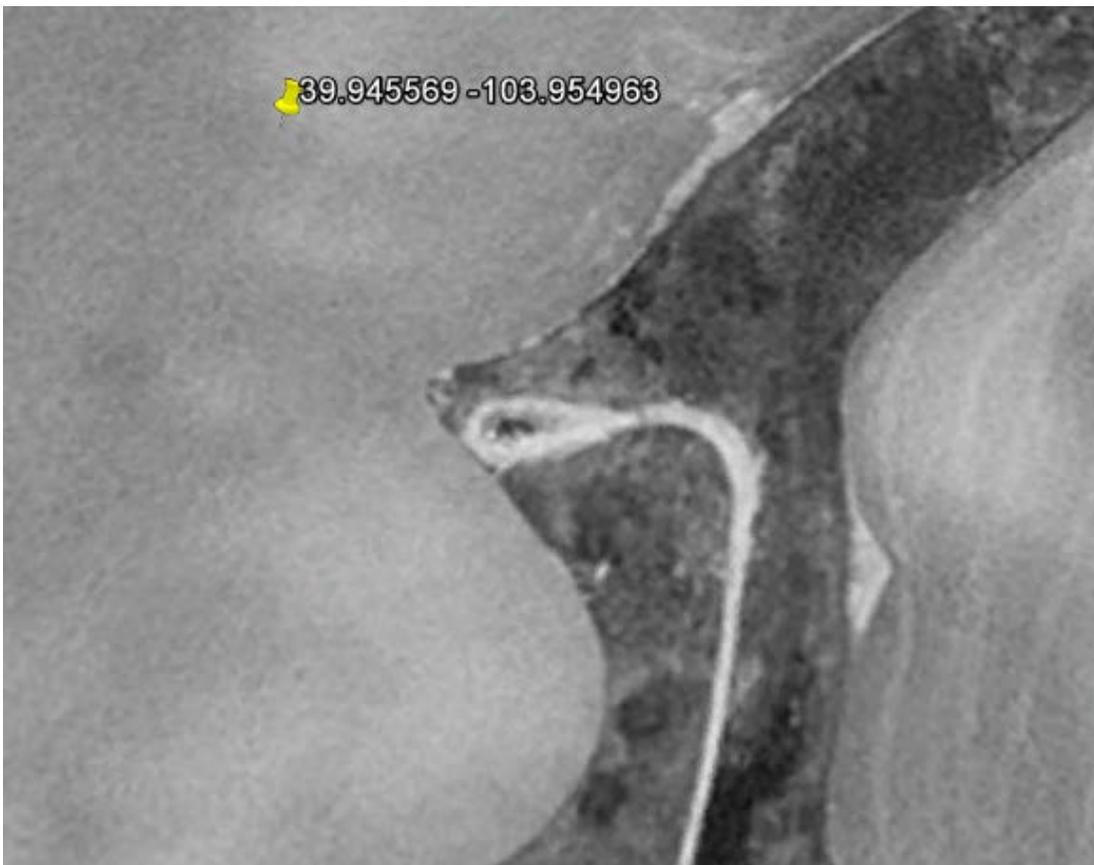
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*2/11/98*  
*AW during 6/95*  
*RJD*

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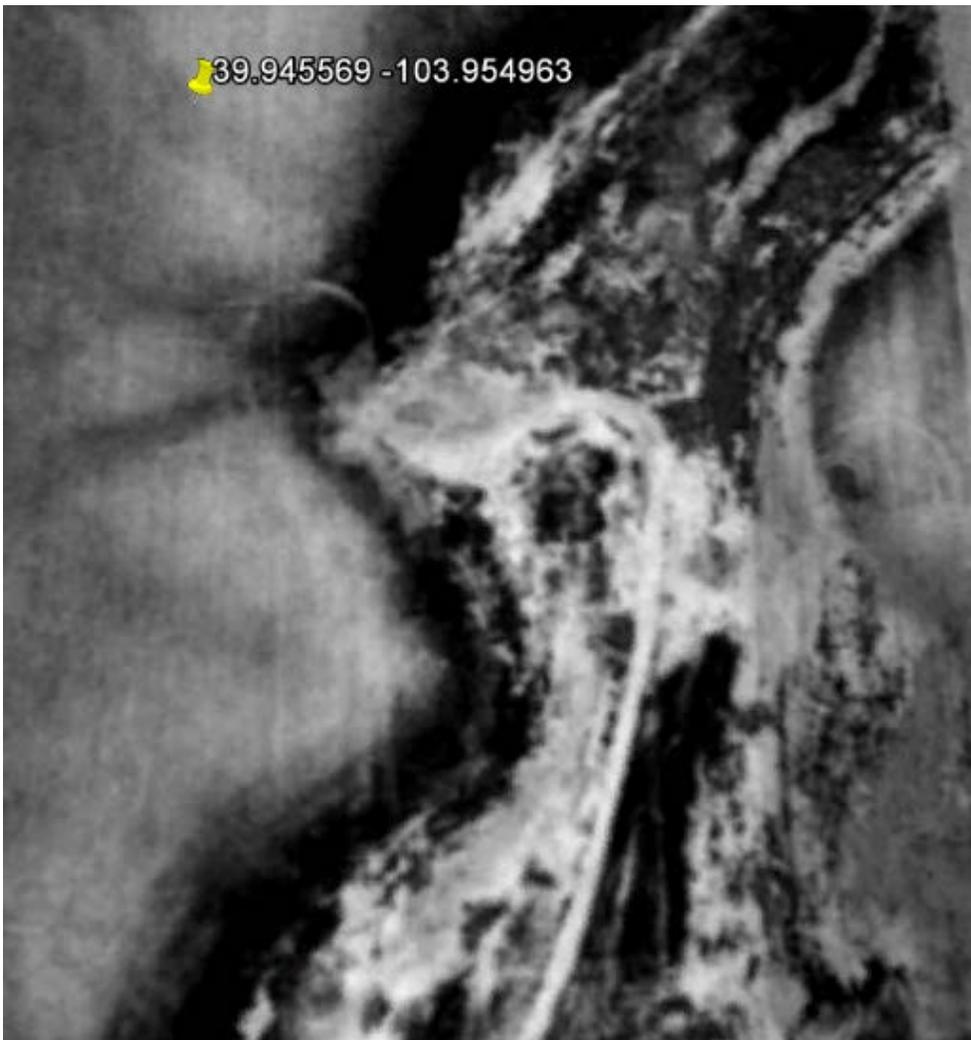
Griffin took over the lease in 2003. The well was plugged in 1996.

Our aerials (1993) show a TB/wellsite but there is not enough resolution to distinguish any pit(s). I checked Google Earth and they have a 1993 image which also shows a tank battery/wellsite but again not enough resolution to distinguish any skim pit(s). In fact the 1993 image doesn't really show anything that I would call a pit (skim or otherwise) although the resolution is poor.

1993



A 1998 photo seems to show the TB/wellsite with all equipment removed? and the former lease road present.



Perhaps Margaret can provide the additional skim pit info and I can review to see if the records are incorrect. I can also do a site inspection if there is concern regarding some recent surface expression of a pit. I doubt that Griffin has anything on the location pit(s).

Bob

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**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 2:02 PM  
**To:** Robert Chesson - DNR  
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Bob,

When you get a chance could you look into the pit closure Margaret references below. Try to determine when the pit(s) were closed off aerial photos and if they ever sent any closure documentation in.

Thanks,  
John

John E. Axelson, P.G.  
East Environmental Supervisor



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John,

We are going through records and trying to get some final compliance from Griffin Management. I have identified one site that had two oil skim pits at one time. They do not look to be there anymore but I do not see any closure documents (didn't look that hard though).

05-001-07268 Tori#1

Margaret Ash

Field Inspection Unit Manager

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