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

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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID 315237 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron 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:**

OGCC Operator Number: 74740  
Name of Operator: RIO MESA RESOURCES INC  
Address: P.O. BOX 984  
City: RANGELY State: CO Zip: 81648

**Findings:**

- 5 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**

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**Inspected Facilities:**

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
230455	WELL	SI	04/01/2014	OW	103-08118	PHILLIPS-NEWTON 2-1	RI
315237	LOCATION	AC			-	PHILLIPS-NEWTON-61N102W 2SESW	RI

**General Comment:**

On 3/30/2020, Reclamation Specialist Trujillo conducted a final reclamation and stormwater inspection at Rio Mesa Resources Inc's Phillips-Newton #2-1 location in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

It was documented that Location is out of compliance with COGCC Rules and requirements.

On 5/21/2018, Operator submitted Form 6 "Notice of Intent to Abandon" (Doc. No. 401648247). COA #1 attached to the Form 6 Notice required Operator to "Provide 48 hour notice of plugging MIRU via electronic Form 42".

On 10/30/2018 COGCC Staff inspected the Location and observed that well required an MIT (Inspection No. 679701571). On 1/9/2019, COGCC Staff inspected the Location observed that the well has been plugged and abandoned (Inspection No. 679702504).

Well appears to have been plugged and abandoned between 10/30/2018 and 1/9/2019; No from 42 notice of plugging appears to be submitted per Form 6(N) Conditions of Approval; and no Subsequent Report of Abandonment Form 6 has been submitted in accordance with Rule 311.b.

It was observed in this inspection that the Location has not been reclaimed in accordance with Rule 1004.a; Oil and Gas equipment has not been removed from the Location; pit has not been closed (previous inspections identify pit as a special purpose "blowdown pit"), no Form 27 has been submitted or approved for pit closure in accordance with Rule 905.b; Stained soils observed in areas of the tank battery and the vertical heater treater due to leaks in violation of Rule 1002.f; soils will require removal in accordance with Rule 907.e.; compaction alleviation (cross-ripping to a minimum depth of 18 inches) has not been conducted; Location has not been contoured; Revegetation activities have not been conducted.

The following alleged compliance issues were observed during this inspection:

§34-60-121(1)(a), C.R.S.: Failed to submit Form 42 notice of plugging per Conditions of Approval.

311.b: Submission of Subsequent Report of Abandonment Form 6 within 30 days after abandonment.

905.b: Pit closure in accordance with an approved Site Investigation Remediation Workplan, Form 27.

1002.f: Stormwater

1004.a: Final Reclamation of Well Sites and Associated Production Facilities.

Due to the significant nature, extent, or duration of the alleged rule violation(s), corrective action dates will not be applied and the Operator is directed to perform corrective actions outlined on this inspection report immediately. Location is being reviewed for possible referral for enforcement. Refer to the "Reclamation", "Stormwater" and "Pits" 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 inspections that have not been addressed are still applicable.

A follow up on this site inspection will be conducted to ensure the compliance issues have been corrected to comply with COGCC rules.

**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 230455 Type: WELL API Number: 103-08118 Status: SI Insp. Status: RI

Facility ID: 315237 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: RI

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled **Fail**

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

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

Gravel removed **Fail**

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

Compaction alleviation **Fail** 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:

<b>Corrective Action:</b> <span style="color:red;">Multiple corrective actions are being provided:</span> <span style="color:red;">1) Submit the Subsequent Report of Abandonment Form 6 per Rule 311.b</span>  <span style="color:red;">2) Comply with Rule 1004.a and conduct final reclamation including, but not limited to, removal of surface equipment, compaction alleviation per Rule 1003.c, recontour/regrade to original grade/adjacent lands, and conduct revegetation activities. Use a seed mixture requested by the surface owner, or a mixture prescribed by the local soil conservation district. Ensure erosion controls are implemented to stabilize the seeded soil, and continue to monitor and manage this site until Final Reclamation has passed.</span>	Date _____
Overall Final Reclamation <span style="color:red;">Fail</span> Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Storm Water:**

Loc Erosion BMPs	BMP Maintenance	Lease Road Erosion BMPs	Lease BMP Maintenance	Chemical BMPs	Chemical BMP Maintenance	Comment

Comment: <span style="color:blue;">Stained soils observed in areas of the tank battery and the vertical heater treater due to leaks from the equipment in violation of Rule 1002.f; Secondary containment BMPs have been removed from equipment.</span>	Date: _____
Corrective Action: <span style="color:red;">Properly dispose of oily waste in accordance with 907.e.</span>	Date: _____

**Pits:**  NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Type: <u>Blowdown</u>	Lined: <u>NO</u>	Pit ID: _____	Lat: <u>40.078380</u>	Long: <u>-108.811617</u>
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Reference Point: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lining:**

Liner Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Liner Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: _____	Date: _____
Corrective _____	Date: _____

**Fencing:**

Fencing Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Fencing Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: _____	Date: _____
Corrective _____	Date: _____

**Netting:**

Netting Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Netting Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: _____	Date: _____
Corrective _____	Date: _____

Anchor Trench Present: \_\_\_\_\_ Oil Accumulation: \_\_\_\_\_ 2+ feet Freeboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: <span style="color:blue;">Rule 1004.a requires pit closure upon the plugging and abandonment of a well. Pit on the west end of the Location remains open, and has not been closed in accordance with Rules 1004.b and 905.b; No "Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan, Form 27", has been submitted and approved.</span>	Date: _____
Corrective Action: <span style="color:red;">Contact COGCC EPS regarding pit closure, Form 27 requirements, and any additional directives per Rule 905.b</span>	Date: _____

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
402359310	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5112727">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5112727</a>
696201139	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5112717">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5112717</a>