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

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07/12/2021

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690201854

**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID 430382 Inspector Name: COSTA, RYAN 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: 10460  
Name of Operator: HIGH PLAINS ENERGY LLC  
Address: 4545 S MONACO STREET #116  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80237

**Findings:**

- 9 Number of Comments
- 7 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
431414	WELL	SI	01/01/2015	OW	017-07727	PRONGHORN STATE 16-15-48 1-H	RI

**General Comment:**

This is a follow up of the previous inspections of document number 690200430, 690200937, 693600352. The previous inspection corrective actions have not been performed. See attached photos and additional details within this report.

Operator is directed to perform corrective actions outlined on this inspection report immediately. This inspection is being entered for notification and documentation only and is not intended to provide the Operator the opportunity to resolve the alleged violations without the imposition of a penalty, pursuant to Rule 525.

**Location**

Overall Good:

**Signs/Marker:**

Type			
Comment:	Sign posted at entrance of the location obscured by weeds.		
Corrective Action:			Date:

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment:			
Corrective Action:			Date: _____

**Good Housekeeping:**

Type	UNUSED EQUIPMENT		
Comment:	There are unused pipe risers which have not been removed. Previous corrective action has not been performed.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606		Date: <u>03/30/2020</u>
Type	UNUSED EQUIPMENT		
Comment:	There is various unused equipment and supplies laying on the ground throughout the location. There is a metal shed in disrepair with pipes and other unused supplies inside. Previous corrective action has not been performed.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606. Remove all unused equipment, supplies, and debris. Remove pipe, fittings, valves, concrete posts from location.		Date: <u>03/30/2020</u>
Type	UNUSED EQUIPMENT		
Comment:	There is exposed electrical wires extending out of the ground near the well and at east side of the location. Previous inspection noted "Power has been shut off, meter removed, and fuses pulled on pole. Previous corrective action has not been performed.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606		Date: <u>03/30/2020</u>

Overall Good:

**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume	
Crude Oil			
Comment:	There are multiple oil stained soils found around the location.		
Corrective Action:	Properly dispose of oily waste in accordance with 905.e.		Date: <u>12/08/2020</u>

In Containment: No

Comment:

Multiple Spills and Releases?

**Venting:**

Yes/No			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:			Date:

**Flaring:**

Type			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:			Date:



**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 431414 Type: WELL API Number: 017-07727 Status: SI Insp. Status: RI

**Idle Well**

Purpose:  Shut In  Temporarily Abandoned Reminder: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: Well was found in state of Temporary Abandonment. Well is overdue for Mechanical Integrity Test (MIT). Last MIT performed on 7/3/14. Previous corrective action has not been performed.

Corrective Action: Perform successful mechanical integrity test. If a successful MIT can not be performed within 30 day CA time the well must be plugged within 3 months per Rule 417 and 210.

Date: 01/09/2020

**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 Fail

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

1002b. SOIL REMOVAL AND SEGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

1002c. PROTECTION OF SOILS Fail

Comment There are undesirable weeds throughout the soil piles. The soil piles are not maintained and protected from degradation. Previous corrective action was not performed.

Corrective Action Comply with 1002.c Date \_\_\_\_\_

1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

1003a. Waste and Debris removed? Fail

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Unused or unneeded equipment onsite? Fail

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? Fail Production areas stabilized ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 1003c. Compacted areas have been cross ripped? Fail  
 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? Fail  
 Production areas have been stabilized? \_\_\_\_\_ Segregated soils have been replaced? Fail

RESTORATION AND REVEGETATION

Cropland

Top soil replaced \_\_\_\_\_ Recontoured \_\_\_\_\_ Perennial forage re-established \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Cropland

Top soil replaced Fail Recontoured Fail 80% Revegetation Fail

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 Interim Reclamation has not been performed at the location. The soil piles have not been replaced and recontoured and unused areas of the location have not been reclaimed. There are undesirable weeds and debris throughout the soil stock piles which are not protected and maintained. The disturbance area of the location is approximately 5.5 acres which should have been reduced in size through interim reclamation. Interim Reclamation should have been completed within 6 months of drilling operations. Interim Reclamation needs to be performed immediately. Previous corrective action was not performed.

Corrective Action Comply with the 1003 interim reclamation rules. Date 07/17/2013

Overall Interim Reclamation Fail

**Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:**

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

Final Land Use: RANGELAND

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

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

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

Debris removed \_\_\_\_\_ 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% \_\_\_\_\_ 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:	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Corrective Action:	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	Date <input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>
Overall Final Reclamation	Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/>

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
402755069	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5484973">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5484973</a>
690201855	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5484972">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5484972</a>