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

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Inspection Date:

10/31/2022

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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID 312987 Inspector Name: O'Malley, Anna 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: 3975  
Name of Operator: ARGALI EXPLORATION COMPANY  
Address: PO BOX 416  
City: RANGELY State: CO Zip: 81648

**Findings:**

- 13 Number of Comments
- 6 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:**

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
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**Inspected Facilities:**

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
223186	WELL	PR	12/01/2017	GW	081-06548	SPETTER 5-8	RI
312987	LOCATION	AC			-	SPETTER-68N90W 8SWNW	RI

**General Comment:**

On 10/31/2022, Reclamation Specialist O'Malley conducted a reclamation and stormwater inspection at Argali Exploration Company's SPETTER-68N90W/8SWNW Location #312987 in Moffat County, Colorado.

This Location has outstanding corrective actions dating back to 5/2/2013 (inspection document #669300543).

The following compliance issues were observed during this inspection:

- Trash/debris
- Noxious weeds
- Wellhead sign lacks number for local emergency services (911)
- Unused tank (no label, no secondary containment, no tank battery sign)
- Interim Reclamation: pits unreclaimed
- Stormwater: erosion of bare slopes

Refer to the "Location," "Reclamation" and "Stormwater" 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 inspection on this site will be conducted to ensure the compliance issues have been corrected to comply with COGCC rules.

<b>Location</b>			
Overall Good: <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Signs/Marker:</b>			
Type	WELLHEAD		
Comment:	When no associated tank battery is present at the Oil and Gas Location the well sign must comply with Rule 605.d(2). Telephone number for local emergency services (911 where available) was not observed on the wellhead sign.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 605.d		Date: <u>12/31/2022</u>
Emergency Contact Number:			
Comment:	<input type="text" value="(970) 629-1906"/>		
Corrective Action:	<input type="text"/>		Date: _____
<b>Good Housekeeping:</b>			
Type	TRASH		
Comment:	Multiple piles of fence wire observed on Location. Metal cable and pipe observed in the fill slope at the south of the Location.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606		Date: <u>11/08/2022</u>
Type	WEEDS		
Comment:	Canada thistle and houndstongue (List B Noxious) observed on the fill slope and pad surface. Weed management required in the 2023 growing season. Ongoing weed management required.		
Corrective Action:	Conduct weed management to prevent further establishment and spread of noxious weeds; ongoing weed management required until location passes final reclamation.		Date: <u>05/01/2023</u>
Type	UNUSED EQUIPMENT		
Comment:	Previous inspection #689801158 observed unlabeled tank from previous inspection has been labeled "out of service" identifying it as unused equipment stored on location. Inspector required Operator to comply with Rule 603.f (now Rule 606) by 8/30/2018.  It was observed in this inspection that the unused tank remains. Original corrective action and date remain applicable. Previous Operator communication and inspection reports indicate this tank not in use since 2013. Tank lacks labeling, tank battery signage and secondary containment. Unused tank must be removed.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606. Remove tank.		Date: <u>08/30/2018</u>
Overall Good: <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Spills:</b>			
Type	Area	Volume	
In Containment: No _____			
Comment: <input type="text"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Spills and Releases?			
<b>Venting:</b>			
Yes/No			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:			Date: _____
<b>Flaring:</b>			
Type			
Comment:			

Corrective Action:

Date:

**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 223186 Type: WELL API Number: 081-06548 Status: PR Insp. Status: RI

Facility ID: 312987 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 [Fence wire on Location.](#)

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unused or unneeded equipment onsite? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment [Unused tank observed on Location.](#)

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pit, cellars, rat holes and other bores closed? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment [Pit overflow areas remain at the southwest of the Location.](#)

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guy line anchors marked? Pass

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1003b. Area no longer in use? Fail 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? In  
 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 Fail 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? F

Comment Refer to the "Location" section of this inspection report for weed control corrective action.  
There are two pits at the southwest of the Location. Inspection #200023076 indicated they are "pit overflow areas". The pits have not been properly reclaimed; recontouring is required. Pits must be reclaimed per 1003 Interim Reclamation requirements.  
The Location is predominantly vegetated with native and introduced perennial grasses (Indian ricegrass, prairie junegrass, squirreltail, crested wheatgrass) and forbs (hairy false goldenaster).

Corrective Action Comply with 1003 Rules. Conduct interim reclamation on the pit areas at the southwest of the Location including, but not limited to recontouring/regrading and revegetation; use a seed mixture provided by the surface owner, or a mixture prescribed by the local soil conservation district. Implement control measures to stabilize the seeded soil in accordance with Rule 1002.f. Revegetation activities shall be completed no later than 05/01/2023.

Date 05/01/2023

Overall Interim Reclamation Fail

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

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:

Corrective Action:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Final Reclamation \_\_\_\_\_

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: Insufficient stormwater and sediment control BMPs in place; Portions of the cut and fill slopes are bare and unprotected. Rill erosion observed throughout unprotected slopes of the Location.

Corrective Action: Install or repair required BMPs per Rule 1002.f. Continue to monitor and manage stormwater on the Location. Ongoing stormwater management is required until the site receives a passing final inspection.

Date: 12/01/2022

Pits:  NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
403217233	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5904065">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5904065</a>
702800871	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5904063">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5904063</a>