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Inspection Date:

05/11/2023

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FIELD INSPECTION FORM

 Loc ID _____ Inspector Name: _____ On-Site Inspection
 456651 _____ Binschus, Chris _____ 2A Doc Num: _____
Operator Information:
 OGCC Operator Number: _____ 10701 _____
 Name of Operator: UPLAND EXPLORATION LLC _____
 Address: 424 S MAIN ST _____
 City: _____ BOERNE _____ State: _____ TX _____ Zip: _____ 78006 _____
Status Summary:

- THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION
 FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED
 NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED

Findings:

- 10 _____ Number of Comments
 5 _____ 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
456651	LOCATION	AC			-	Salt Ranch Fee 18 East	RI

General Comment:

On 5/11/2023, Reclamation Specialist Chris Binschus performed a follow up inspection. COGCC staff conducted the inspection with an Operator representative, Dustin Rollins.

Refer to the Good Housekeeping, Equipment, Environmental, Reclamation and Stormwater sections of this inspection report for additional details.

COGCC issued a NOAV on 3/16/2023 (Doc.# 403347572). Note- this inspection does not address all of the violations issued in the NOAV.

Location

Overall Good:

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date: _____

Good Housekeeping:

Type	TRASH		
Comment:	COGCC staff documented trash that has blown off location, which is south and southeast of the location. Operator has failed to properly contain trash. Operator allowed trash to remain on the ground and some of which has blown off location. Refer to Photos 12-13.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.d. The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.	Date:	02/10/2023
Type	UNUSED EQUIPMENT		
Comment:	Operator has removed the hose that was left hooked up. Refer to Photo 9.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type	WEEDS		
Comment:	Operator had a crew raking/pulling weed debris from the ditch areas off the access road. An approximate 0.7 mile section of road still have weed debris and weed debris was observed on location. Refer to Photos 5, 8, 12-13, and 16.		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.c. The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.	Date:	02/10/2023

Overall Good:

Spills:

Type	Area	Volume		

In Containment: No

Comment:

Multiple Spills and Releases?

Equipment:

Type:	#		corrective date
Comment:	Bucket with oil and missing wildlife protection devices has been removed from location.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	

Venting:

Yes/No			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

Flaring:

Type		
Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date:

Inspected Facilities

Facility ID: 456651 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: RI

Environmental

Spills/Releases:

Type of Spill: _____ Estimated Spill Volume: _____

Comment: Operator imported road base from the Little Lady locations and claims spills were properly disposed of. At the time of the inspection, it was wet conditions so it was difficult to make an accurate assessment. Refer to Photos 10-11.

Corrective Action: _____ Date: _____

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: _____

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 _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

1002b. SOIL REMOVAL AND SEGREGATION _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

1002c. PROTECTION OF SOILS _____ Fail

Comment [Weed establishment along the 1.5 mile section of access road where topsoil is stored was observed- reference Field Inspection Report doc. #697504498, dated 02/10/2023, and Photos 14-16.](#)

[Operator indicated that the topsoil stockpile has been reseeded; however, the topsoil stockpile has not been stabilized. The stabilization requirement was communicated to Mr. Rollins back on April 7th. Refer to Photo 4.](#)

Corrective Action [Comply with Rule 1002.c.](#)

[The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.](#)

Date **02/10/2023**

1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION _____ Fail

Comment [There has been no change since the previous inspection to the required repairs and reclamation along the access road. Photo 3, 17-19.](#)

Corrective Action [Comply with Rule 1002.e.](#)

[The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.](#)

Date **02/10/2023**

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: 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:

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: Geary Creek- Riprap has been imported to stabilize the fill slope into Geary Creek and control stormwater runoff into Geary Creek. This work was performed and completed by CCRP.

Sediment laden stormwater was observed discharging off location along the western fill slope without a downgradient perimeter BMP. Note- there was a ditch BMP installed during the initial construction; however, the ditch no longer exists to direct stormwater into the sediment trap and recent disturbances failed to re-install the ditch BMP. Refer to Photos 6-7.

Subsidence along a flowline and vehicle rutting on the well pad are in need of repair. Refer to Photos 10-11.

Corrective Action: **Comply with Rule 1002.f.**

The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.

Date: 02/10/2023

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
403403938	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6115201
697504667	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6115198