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05/18/2023

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697504678

## FIELD INSPECTION FORM

 Loc ID 456651 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris 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: 10701  
 Name of Operator: UPLAND EXPLORATION LLC  
 Address: 424 S MAIN ST  
 City: BOERNE State: TX Zip: 78006
**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**

**Contact Information:**

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
		dustin@uplandexploration.com	

**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 5/18/2023, Reclamation Specialist Chris Binschus performed an inspection in response to a new complaint submitted on 5/13/2023.

This inspection also served as a follow up inspection from the previous inspection conducted on 5/16/2023. Environmental Specialist Rick Allison conducted a joint inspection related to the observed spills from the previous inspection.

Refer to the Complaint, 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 and is in response to the complaint.

**Inspected Facilities**

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

**Complaint**

Comment: [Complaint: # 403402359](#)  
[Field Inspector Assigned: Chris Binschus](#)  
[Location ID: #456651](#)  
[Inspection Document: #697504678](#)  
[Nature of complaint: Complainant is documenting that erosion control dams along an approximate 3.7 mile section of access road have not been installed to control sediment.](#)

Corrective Action:

Date:

**Environmental**

**Spills/Releases:**

Type of Spill: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Spill Volume: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: COGCC staff, Chris Binschus and Rick Allison, observed the Operator disposing of non-E&P wastes into a dump truck. Operator representative, Dustin Rollins, was on location and consulted with Rick Allison. Operator identified the spill material, which was not E&P waste.

Corrective Action: If spilled material is not E&P Waste, cleanup spilled material and handle in accordance with Rule 906. Submit documentation of waste determination, disposal and reporting to CDPHE (if reportable quantity) using a Form 4 Sundry Notice.

Date: 05/16/2023

Reportable: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS: Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

Proximity to Surface Water: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth to Ground Water: \_\_\_\_\_

**Water Well Complaint:**

Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

DWR Receipt Num: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS : \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comment **Operator has initiated repairs along the access road to re-install check dams along the access, which remains in-process, and crews started rock removal from pasture areas, which also remains in-process.**

Corrective Action **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: [On 5/11/2023, COGCC issued a corrective action to Comply with Rule 1002.f due to sediment laden stormwater discharging off location without a downgradient perimeter BMP.](#)

[Additional work has been performed since 5/16; however, additional work is required. At the time of this inspection, Operator believed that the BMPs were sufficient to meet the stormwater requirements. COGCC disagreed and indicated that a significant portion lacked any perimeter BMP. Refer to the attached inspection photos.](#)

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

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
403408304	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6119736">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6119736</a>
697504679	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6119735">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6119735</a>