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X/20**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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Inspection Date:

10/04/2023

Submitted Date:

10/17/2023

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FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 462919 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris On-Site Inspection ☐ 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:

6 Number of Comments

2 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
462919	LOCATION	AC			-	Little Lady 21 South Well Pad	RI
480997	TANK BATTERY	AC	10/28/2021		-	21-11N-64W SESE Little Lady 21 TB	RI

General Comment:

On 10/4/2023, Reclamation Specialist Chris Binschus and Denise Arthur performed a follow up inspection.

LocationOverall Good: ☐

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date: _____

Good Housekeeping:

Type

WEEDS

Comment:

An undesirable, introduced invasive annual grass (Cereal rye) was observed throughout portions of the interim reclamation area. Staff contacted an Operator representative, Dustin Rollins, on 10/5/2023 to communicate that Cereal rye was still observed and needs immediate control. Operator indicated that control would be performed ASAP.

At the time of this inspection, Staff did not observe Canada thistle.

Corrective Action:

Comply with Rule 606.c. to immediately control Cereal rye throughout the entire location.

Date: 08/03/2023

The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.

Overall Good: ☐**Spills:**

Type

Area

Volume

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:	462919	Type:	LOCATION	API Number: -	Status:	AC	Insp. Status:	RI
Facility ID:	480997	Type:	TANK	API Number: -	Status:	AC	Insp. Status:	RI

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 In Process

Comment

The topsoil stockpile has evidence of desirable germination and is in process of establishing. There are bare patches that will still need to be reseeded.

Note- there appeared to be cultivated millet on the eastern topsoil stockpile, which should not persist. If this turns out to be Wild proso millet, then this is problematic and is a List C Colorado noxious weed.

Once the stockpile has sufficient establishment of desirable vegetation, then it will meet Rule 1002.c. standards.

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 REVEGETATIONCropland

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

Operator falsely reported what was seeded previously and much of that growth observed within the interim reclamation is starting to senesce without the establishment of desirable vegetation. The new introduced invasive annual grass species, Cereal rye, is still persisting and observed throughout portions of the interim reclamation area.

Operator has failed to submit an Interim Reclamation Plan that details the action plan to successfully implement and establish the reported seed mixture and how the Operator will control and manage the introduced grass species, Cereal rye.

Operator has failed to conduct reclamation in accordance with Rule 1003.e.(2); therefore, interim reclamation remains out of compliance.

Corrective Action

Operator shall submit the required Interim Reclamation Plan as detailed within FIR Doc.#697504724. In addition, the Interim Reclamation Plan shall detail how to also control and manage Cereal rye.

Date **02/10/2023**

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% _____

Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris

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 ☐

COGCC Comments

Comment	User	Date
Staff, Chris Binschus, conducted an inspection on 8/28/2023 at both Little Lady locations with an Operator representative, Dustin Rollins. Staff did not submit inspections from that day but did spend a significant amount of time helping the Operator with on-going compliance issues.	binschusc	10/17/2023
On 10/5/2023, Staff communicated to the Operator representative the need to submit the Interim Reclamation Plan.	binschusc	10/17/2023

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
403562976	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6286952
697504888	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6286940