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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:

10/24/2023

Submitted Date:

11/06/2023

Document Number:

709400590

FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 319767 Inspector Name: WOLD, REED On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: _____**Operator Information:**

OGCC Operator Number: 95620

Name of Operator: WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY

Address: 1165 DELAWARE STREET #200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80204

Status Summary:

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

Findings:

4 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
		steve@westernoperating.com	

Inspected Facilities:

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
319767	LOCATION	CL			-	DOWNING, RALPH-63S59W 24SWSW	RI

General Comment:

This is a follow up final and stormwater inspection from previous inspection #709400280 conducted 5/30/23. Inspection #709400280 conducted on 5/30/23 had several corrective actions and should have failed overall final reclamation and was an clerical error.

Previous inspection sited weeds and bare ground in the reclamation area; comply with rule 606.

No action has been taken by the operator to address corrective actions since the last inspection.

Current inspection CA's

Weeds (kochia & Russian thistle) observed

Bare ground observed

LocationOverall Good: ☐

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment: Corrective Action: Date: **Good Housekeeping:**

Type	WEEDS		
Comment:	Operator has failed to control and manage weeds to prevent weed waste and prevent seeds from spreading onto adjacent lands. Refer to inspection photos		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606.c. The corrective date is not intended to be the date for which the Operator shall complete the corrective actions but rather the corrective date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.		Date: 10/20/2023

Overall Good: ☐**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume		
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In Containment: No

Comment: ☐ Multiple Spills and Releases?**Venting:**

Yes/No			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

Flaring:

Type		
Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date:

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 SEGREGATION _____

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 _____

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 _____

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

Overall Interim Reclamation

Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:

Date Final Reclamation Started: _____ Date Final Reclamation Completed: _____

Final Land Use: _____

Reminder: _____

Comment: [Final reclamation has failed, due to lack of perennial vegetation, extensive weed debris was present on location.](#)

Well plugged Pass Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled Pass

Debris removed Pass No disturbance /Location never built _____

Access Roads Regraded Pass Contoured Pass Culverts removed Pass

Gravel removed Pass

Location and associated production facilities reclaimed Pass Locations, facilities, roads, recontoured Pass

Compaction alleviation _____ Dust and erosion control _____

Non cropland: Revegetated 80% **Fail** Cropland: perennial forage _____

Weeds present **Fail** Subsidence _____

1004.d. FINAL VEGETATION TRANSECT

TRANSECT RESULTS OF DISTURBED AREA% _____

TRANSECT RESULTS OF REFERENCE AREA% _____

TOTAL % OF DESIRABLE VEGETATION COVER _____

VEGETATIVE COVER _____

Comment:

<p>inal relamation is not progressing towards 1004 vegetation standards. Perform reclamation per Rule 1004. Establish vegetation with total perennial, non-invasive uniform plant cover of at least 80 percent of reference area levels. Use surface owner seed mixture, or one prescribed by the local county NRCS. Ensure erosion controls are implemented to stabilize the seeded soil, and continue to monitor and manage the site. Vegetation in fianl area are predominantly undesirable species (Kochia, Russian thistle). Weeds are impeding the perennial vegetation. See good house keeping.</p>		<p>Date 10/20/2023</p>
<p>Corrective Action:</p>	<p>Comply with Rule 1004 The corrective date is not intended to be the date for which the Operator shall complete the corrective actions but rather the corrective date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.</p>	
Overall Final Reclamation	Fail	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
403585295	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6311455
709400594	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6311426