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

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Inspection Date:

12/18/2017

Submitted Date:

12/19/2017

Document Number:

682502972

FIELD INSPECTION FORM

Loc ID 319767 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron 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: 95620
Name of Operator: WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY
Address: 1165 DELAWARE STREET #200
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80204

Findings:

- 4 Number of Comments
- 1 Number of Corrective Actions
- Corrective Action Response Requested

Contact Information:

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
Arauzo, Steven		steven.arauza@state.co.us	
		steve@westernoperating.com	

Inspected Facilities:

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
201303	WELL	TA	01/01/2017	OW	001-06706	DOWNING, RALPH 24-2	RI

General Comment:

This is a follow up inspection to doc. #675103769 and #682502577. Any corrective action(s) from previous inspections that have not been addressed are still applicable.

Location

Overall Good:

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date: _____

Good Housekeeping:

Type

WEEDS

Comment:

Inspection #675103769 and #682502577 documented Canada thistle and weed debris on the former battery location and required operator to remove and manage weeds. These inspections required weed management to be conducted by 8/7/2017. However, after additional review, it has been noted that Inspection Doc. #681700554 dated 06/08/2017 conducted by Environmental specialist Arauza also documented uncontrolled weeds at the former tank battery location, and required management by 06/19/2017. For consistency, as this corrective action pre-existed reclamation inspections, this will be the corrective action date used henceforth for weed management on the former battery location. Weeds have not been managed or removed per corrective actions.

Corrective Action:

Comply with rule 603.f and remove weeds. Continue to monitor and manage weeds until final reclamation of the location has passed.

Date: 06/19/2017

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: 201303 Type: WELL API Number: 001-06706 Status: TA 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 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 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: _____

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 **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:

Pending form 6 #401338889 states well was PAd 06/20/2017. Well has been plugged and all associate equipment has been removed from the well and battery location. Required COGCC 1000 series reclamation activities such as (but not limited to) compaction alleviation, re-contouring, re-grading and revegetation of the access roads, well and battery locations have not yet ocured. Reclamation rule 1004.a requires that all reclamation work shall be completed within twelve (12) months on non-crop land after plugging a well or final closure of associated production facilities.

Corrective Action:

Date

Overall Final Reclamation

Well Release on Active Location

Multi-Well Location

COGCC Comments

Comment	User	Date
Operator has failed to manage weeds in a timely manner. Canada thistle was not removed per corrective actions in 2017 and was allowed to reach maturity, and seed-out. Canada thistle has likely spread throughout location and adjacent lands.	trujilloam	12/19/2017

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
682502973	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4331079