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X/15**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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Inspection Date:

09/05/2018

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682403968**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**
 Loc ID 317999 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num:
Operator Information:OGCC Operator Number: 39560Name of Operator: TOP OPERATING COMPANYAddress: 3609 S WADSWORTH BLVD STE 340City: LAKEWOOD State: CO Zip: 80235**Status Summary:**

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

Findings:8 Number of Comments1 Number of Corrective Actions☒ Corrective Action Response Requested**Contact Information:**

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
,		dnr_cogccenforcement@state.co.us	COGCC Enforcement
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Inspected Facilities:

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
317999	LOCATION	CL			-	SCHNEIDER-62N67W 25NENE	RI

General Comment:

This is a follow-up Final Reclamation Inspection to Document # 682402635- last inspected on 8/16/2017. Well was plugged and abandoned on 7/1/2013. Any corrective actions from previous inspections that have not been addressed are still applicable. Where corrective actions from the previous inspection report remain unresolved, corrective action dates remain unchanged.

LocationOverall Good: ☐

Emergency Contact Number:

Comment: Corrective Action: Date: Overall Good: ☐**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume		
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In Containment: No

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

Type:	#		corrective date
Comment:	<p>After multiple corrective actions, Operator did respond by removing one meter house and risers. However, equipment still remains. Operator claims this is an active meter/gasline riser but no documentation has been provided.</p> <p>Comply with the reclamation rules to remove (regardless of ownership) all equipment within three months of plugging (7/1/2013) the associated facility. All work should have been conducted by 10/1/2013. See Reclamation Section for corrective actions and corrective action dates.</p>		
Corrective Action:			Date:

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: [Land use change has commenced for portions of the well access road and well location, but not at the battery location.](#)

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

Debris removed **Fail** _____ 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:

	Since the previous inspection on 8/16/2017, the Operator has removed some of the equipment from the battery location but not all equipment. Portions of the well access road and well location have undergone a land use change to gravel mining, as the Operator previously indicated. List B Colorado noxious weeds were observed throughout the entire battery location. COGCC will consider approving the variance request to not achieve the vegetation standards but equipment and noxious weeds will have to be addressed first. Note: Noxious weeds cannot be waived under Rule 1001.c.	
Corrective Action:	Corrective action (CA) #1: Comply with Rule 1004 to remove all equipment. CA#2: Properly remove and control all noxious weeds at the battery location.	Date 09/18/2017
Overall Final Reclamation	Fail	Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/>

COGCC Comments

Comment	User	Date
Previous corrective action inspections:	binschusc	09/06/2018
4/21/2014 (Doc.# 673800777): Corrective Action- Remove unused tanks, Meter run, Separator, complete reclamation of unused site.		
9/16/2015 (Doc.# 668703563): Corrective Action- Remove unused tanks, Meter run, Separator, complete reclamation of unused site.		
6/27/2016 (Doc.# 682400918): Corrective Action- Remove equipment, complete reclamation of unused site and control noxious weeds.		
8/16/2017 (Doc.# 682402635): Corrective Action- Remove equipment and complete reclamation of unused site.		
Operator submitted incomplete variance requests and did not use the Reclamation Variance Guidance document.	binschusc	09/06/2018
COGCC staff has confirmed that L.G. Everest, Inc. is leasing the lands to conduct mining operations where the Schneider #1 well access road, well location and battery location were previously located.		

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
401759960	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4576033
682403969	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=4576019