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

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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID 416157 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

**Findings:**

11 Number of Comments

2 Number of Corrective Actions

Corrective Action Response Requested

**Operator Information:**

OGCC Operator Number: 10456

Name of Operator: CAERUS PICEANCE LLC

Address: 1001 17TH STREET #1600

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

**ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION(S) FROM PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED ARE STILL APPLICABLE**

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**Inspected Facilities:**

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
416157	LOCATION	AC			-	Puckett 697-26A	RI
456518	LAND APPLICATION SITE	CL	10/09/2018		-	Puckett 697-26A land treatment	RI

**General Comment:**

On 4/24/2020, COGCC Reclamation Specialist Trujillo, and West Environmental Protection Specialist Arauz, conducted a joint interim reclamation, environmental and stormwater inspection, on Caerus Piceance's Puckett 697-26A location in Garfield County, Colorado.

It was observed in this inspection that the Location is out of compliance with 1003 interim reclamation requirements.

The following compliance issues were observed during this inspection:  
1003.b: Interim reclamation  
1002.f: Stormwater

Refer to the "Reclamation" and "Stormwater" sections of this inspection report for additional details.

Refer to the photo-documentation of the observed compliance issues attached to this report.

Any corrective action(s) from previous inspections that have not been addressed are still applicable.

A follow up on this site inspection will be conducted to ensure the compliance issues have been corrected to comply with COGCC rules.

**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 416157 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: RI

Facility ID: 456518 Type: LAND API Number: - Status: CL Insp. Status: RI

**Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit**

**Interim Reclamation:**

Date Interim Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Interim Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Use: OTHER, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Comment SEE "COGCC COMMENTS" FOR COMMENT REGARDING RECLAMATION

Corrective Action Comply with COGCC 1000 series rules and conduct interim reclamation and weed management. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Interim Reclamation  Fail

**Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:**

Date Final Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Final Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Land Use: OTHER, 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

<b>Storm Water:</b>						
Loc Erosion BMPs	BMP Maintenance	Lease Road Erosion BMPs	Lease BMP Maintenance	Chemical BMPs	Chemical BMP Maintenance	Comment
	Fail					Northern Cutslope
Culverts	Pass					@ location entrance
	Fail					Perimter BMPs missing
Waddles	Fail					Wattles on eastern perimeter
Berms	Fail					Berm @ cuttings
				Material Handling And Spill Prevention	Pass	Pota-John
Sediment Traps	Pass					@ location entrance
Comment:	<p>It was observed that BMPs on the Location are insufficient / have not been maintained in proper functioning condition, or missing. Cut slopes on the north end of the Location, and along the fill slopes remain exposed; No stabilization BMPs observed on the slopes. No BMPs along the western and southern perimeter of the disturbance area, including the topsoil pile observed. BMPs (wattles) observed on the east end of the location in disrepair. Evidence of stormwater ponding within large areas of the production pad. Portions of the berm separating the drill cuttings from the production area in disrepair.</p>					
Corrective Action:	<p>Install or repair temporary BMPs on the Location until interim reclamation activities have been conducted, at which point long term controls will need to be installed.</p>					Date: 05/11/2020
Pits:	<input type="checkbox"/> NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT					

**COGCC Comments**

Comment	User	Date
<p><b>RECLAMATION COMMENTS</b></p> <p>Records indicate all wells have been drilled and show as "producing" in 2017.</p> <p>Drill cuttings were observed throughout the Location and appear to have been onsite since drilling and completion operations concluded in Fall of 2017. The initial Form 27 (#401640503) for land treatment of the cuttings wasn't submitted until 5/24/2018, approximately 8 months after the last, "first date of production" for wells on the Location (9/24/2017).</p> <p>On 9/10/2018, Operator submitted a supplemental Form 27 (#401752256) requesting closure of the remediation project; Form 27 was approved, and Remediation Project #11653 was closed 10/9/2018 with the following conditions of approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Operator shall submit Reclamation Plan via Form 4 Sundry Notice, per Rule 1003.e.(3), for review by COGCC Reclamation Specialist.</li> <li>-Operator shall submit Beneficial Reuse plan via Form 4 Sundry, per Rule 907.a.3, for COGCC approval of beneficial reuse of land-treated cuttings.</li> <li>-Operator shall conduct interim reclamation of 697-26A well pad (Location ID #416457) in accordance with COGCC 1000-Series reclamation requirements.</li> </ul> <p>On 9/9/2019, 11 months after remediation was closed and reuse plan was requested, Operator submitted the beneficial reuse plan attached to Form 4 #402163214 per the COA; Unable to find records that Operator submitted a reclamation plan per COAs.</p> <p>Pursuant to Rule 907.e.(2)H, Land treatment shall be conducted in a manner that does not preclude compliance with reclamation rules 1003. Pursuant to Rule 1003.b, all disturbed areas affected by drilling or subsequent operations shall be reclaimed as early and as nearly as practicable to their original condition or their final land use, no later than six (6) months on non-crop land.</p> <p>It was observed in this inspection that this Location does not meet 1003 reclamation requirements; the last, "first date of production" for wells on the Location dates appears to be 9/24/2017; Interim reclamation pursuant to Rule 1003.b should have been conducted by 3/2018. Remediation activities on the Location have been closed since 10/2018. Unable to find evidence that interim reclamation activities have been conducted on the Location; Drill cuttings remain stored on areas of the north and south end of the Location; these areas do not appear to be needed for production activities and require reclamation. See attached photo documentation.</p> <p>It was also observed that Common Mullein has established on areas to the southeast, east and northeast ends of the Location. This is a Colorado State listed noxious weed and requires management</p>	trujilloam	04/27/2020

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
696201206	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5134150">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5134150</a>