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696201353

FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 315237 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: ☐**Operator Information:**

OGCC Operator Number: 74740

Name of Operator: RIO MESA RESOURCES INC

Address: P.O. BOX 984

City: RANGELY State: CO Zip: 81648

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:**

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Inspected Facilities:

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
230455	WELL	SI	04/01/2014	OW	103-08118	PHILLIPS-NEWTON 2-1	RI
315237	LOCATION	AC			-	PHILLIPS-NEWTON-61N102W 2SESW	RI

General Comment:

On 6/03/2020, Reclamation Specialist Trujillo conducted a final reclamation and stormwater inspection at Rio Mesa Resources Inc's Phillips-Newton #2-1 location in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

This inspection is a follow-up to inspection #696201138 to document compliance with the following Rules:

311.b: Submission of Subsequent Report of Abandonment Form 6 within 30 days after abandonment.

905.b: Pit closure in accordance with an approved Site Investigation Remediation Workplan, Form 27.

1002.f: Stormwater

1004.a: Final Reclamation of Well Sites and Associated Production Facilities.

Previous inspections also documented that the Location was out of compliance with §34-60-121(1)(a), C.R.S.: Failed to submit Form 42 notice of plugging per Conditions of Approval.

It was observed that equipment has been removed from the Location, however no additional work per corrective actions and COGCC reclamation rules have been conducted; No Subsequent Report of Abandonment Form 6 has been submitted; Stained soils remain on Location

Form 27 #402365913 regarding pit closure has been submitted and is currently in process.

Per Inspection #696201138, due to the significant nature, extent, or duration of the alleged rule violation(s), corrective action dates will not be applied and the Operator is directed to perform corrective actions outlined on this inspection report immediately. Location is being reviewed for possible referral for enforcement.

Refer to the "Reclamation", "Stormwater" and "Pits" section 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:	<u>230455</u>	Type:	<u>WELL</u>	API Number:	<u>103-08118</u>	Status:	<u>SI</u>	Insp. Status:	<u>RI</u>
Facility ID:	<u>315237</u>	Type:	<u>LOCATION</u>	API Number:	<u>-</u>	Status:	<u>AC</u>	Insp. Status:	<u>RI</u>

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 _____

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: _____

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

Debris removed Pass No disturbance /Location never built _____

Access Roads Regraded _____ Contoured _____ Culverts removed _____

Gravel removed _____

Location and associated production facilities reclaimed **Fail** Locations, facilities, roads, recontoured **Fail**

Compaction alleviation **Fail** Dust and erosion control _____

Non cropland: Revegetated 80% **Fail** 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: [See "COGCC COMMENTS" for comments regarding final reclamation.](#)

Corrective Action: _____ Date _____

Multiple corrective actions are being provided:

1) Submit the Subsequent Report of Abandonment Form 6 per Rule 311.b

2) Comply with Rule 1004.a and conduct final reclamation including, but not limited to, removal of surface equipment, compaction alleviation per Rule 1003.c, recontour/regrade to original grade/adjacent lands, and conduct revegetation activities. Use a seed mixture requested by the surface owner, or a mixture prescribed by the local soil conservation district. Ensure erosion controls are implemented to stabilize the seeded soil, and continue to monitor and manage this site until Final Reclamation has passed.

Overall Final Reclamation

Fail

Well Release on Active Location ☐Multi-Well Location ☐**Storm Water:**

Loc Erosion BMPs	BMP Maintenance	Lease Road Erosion BMPs	Lease BMP Maintenance	Chemical BMPs	Chemical BMP Maintenance	Comment

Comment:

Inspection #696201138 observed stained soils in areas of the tank battery and heater treater. Operator was required to "Properly dispose of oily waste in accordance with Rule 907.e".

It was in this inspection that stained soils remain evident; Corrective action has not been addressed and remains applicable.

Corrective Action:

Properly dispose of oily waste in accordance with 907.e.

Date: _____

Pits: ☐ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Type: _____ Lined: _____ Pit ID: 117370 Lat: 40.078410 Long: -108.811688

Reference Point: _____ Other: _____ Length: _____ Width: _____

Lining:

Liner Type:

Liner Condition:

Comment:

Corrective

Date: _____

Fencing:

Fencing Type:

Fencing Condition:

Comment:

Corrective

Date: _____

Netting:

Netting Type:

Netting Condition:

Comment:

Corrective

Date: _____

Anchor Trench Present:

Oil Accumulation:

2+ feet Freeboard:

Comment:

Inspection #696201138 observed that the pit on the west end of the Location has not been closed in accordance with Rules 1004.b and 905.b. Inspection required Operator to "Contact COGCC EPS regarding pit closure, Form 27 requirements, and any additional directives per Rule 905.b".

On 05/27/2020, Operator submitted Form 27 (I) #402365913; This corrective action has been addressed.

Continue to work with COGCC Environmental group to move forward with pit closure in a timely manner.

Corrective

Date: _____

COGCC Comments

Comment	User	Date
<p>RECLAMATION COMMENTS:</p> <p>Inspection #696201138 observed that the Location was out of compliance with COGCC 1000 series final reclamation requirements; Well has been PAd, no Form 6(s) and plugging records have been submitted; Oil and Gas equipment has not been removed from the Location; pit has not been closed; compaction alleviation has not been conducted; Location has not been contoured; Revegetation activities have not been conducted. Inspection required Operator to Submit the Form 6(s) and comply with Rule 1004.a.</p> <p>It was observed in Inspection #700401079 that the Oil and Gas associated equipment has been removed from the Location.</p> <p>It was observed in this inspection that no other reclamation activities appear to have been conducted pursuant to Rule 1004.a and corrective actions; Unable to find evidence that a Form 6(s) has been submitted per corrective actions and Rule 311.b; Pit remains open (closure in process, see "Pits".); Corrective actions have not been addressed and remain applicable.</p>	trujilloam	06/04/2020

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
696201354	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5166843