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696202052**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 315237 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: **Operator Information:**OGCC Operator Number: 74740Name of Operator: RIO MESA RESOURCES INCAddress: P.O. BOX 984City: RANGELY State: CO Zip: 81648**Status Summary:**

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

**Findings:**4 Number of Comments3 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	PA	04/01/2014	OW	103-08118	PHILLIPS-NEWTON 2-1	RI
315237	LOCATION	CL			-	PHILLIPS-NEWTON-61N102W 2SESW	RI

**General Comment:**

On 12/1/2020, Reclamation Specialist Trujillo conducted a final reclamation and stormwater inspection at Rio Mesa Resources Incs Phillips-Newton #2-1 location in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

This inspection is a follow-up to inspection #696201138 dated 3/30/2020 and #696201353 dated 6/3/2020, 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 Work Plan, 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 remediation efforts to close the pit appears to be in process. Remediation project #15643 in process. Form 6(s) #402419004 submitted 06/11/2020

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 Location will remain out of compliance until work has been completed pursuant to Rules.

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:	230455	Type:	WELL	API Number:	103-08118	Status:	PA	Insp. Status:	RI
Facility ID:	315237	Type:	LOCATION	API Number:	-	Status:	CL	Insp. Status:	RI

## Environmental

### Spill/Remediation:

Comment: [At the request of EPS J. Heil, Operator is being directed to submit a Form 27 Supplemental/Update regarding remediation.](#)

Corrective Action: [Contact EPS J. Heil \(john.heil@state.co.us\) and submit a Form 27 Supplemental with update regarding Remediation Project #15643](#)

Date: 12/10/2020

Emission Control Burner (ECB): \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife Protection Devices (fired vessels): \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Pass 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 Fail

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:

Operator submitted Form 6(s) #402419004 stating well was PAd 11/27/2018; this has been addressed. Pursuant to Rule 1004.a, all work to reclaim the location, including pit closure, was required to be completed by 11/27/2019.

Remediation #15643 for pit closure is currently in process. It was observed in this inspection that the pit has been excavated and now appears to be ~15 feet in depth. EPS is being included in inspection for notification.

Location will remain out of compliance with 1004 Rules, original CA will remain applicable until addressed in its entirety.

Corrective Action:

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.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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". Work appears to have been conducted in these areas, stained soils were not observed.

Form 27 # 402365913 states "Impacted soils will be excavated via backhoe/trackhoe and stockpiled onsite". It was observed in this inspection that soil stockpiles have been placed around pit and the west/southwest ends of the Location. Operator has not installed BMPs to prevent off-site sediment transport of potentially impacted soils from the stockpiles. Oil stained soils were also observed at base of stockpile on the west end of the Location. See photo 9.

Corrective Action:

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

Install or repair required BMPs per Rule 1002.f in accordance with good engineering practices and maintain in proper functioning condition.

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Pits: ☐ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
402546266	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5302804">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5302804</a>
696202053	Inspection Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5302777">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=5302777</a>