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

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Inspection Date:

05/18/2023

Submitted Date:

05/19/2023

Document Number:

697504678

FIELD INSPECTION FORM

Loc ID 456651 Inspector Name: Binschus, Chris 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: 10701
Name of Operator: UPLAND EXPLORATION LLC
Address: 424 S MAIN ST
City: BOERNE State: TX Zip: 78006

Findings:

- 5 Number of Comments
- 3 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:

Contact Name	Phone	Email	Comment
		dustin@uplandexploration.com	

Inspected Facilities:

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
456651	LOCATION	AC			-	Salt Ranch Fee 18 East	RI

General Comment:

On 5/18/2023, Reclamation Specialist Chris Binschus performed an inspection in response to a new complaint submitted on 5/13/2023. This inspection also served as a follow up inspection from the previous inspection conducted on 5/16/2023. Environmental Specialist Rick Allison conducted a joint inspection related to the observed spills from the previous inspection. Refer to the Complaint, Environmental, Reclamation and Stormwater sections of this inspection report for additional details. COGCC issued a NOAV on 3/16/2023 (Doc.# 403347572). Note- this inspection does not address all of the violations issued in the NOAV and is in response to the complaint.

Inspected Facilities

Facility ID: 456651 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: RI

Complaint

Comment: [Complaint: # 403402359](#)
[Field Inspector Assigned: Chris Binschus](#)
[Location ID: #456651](#)
[Inspection Document: #697504678](#)
Nature of complaint: Complainant is documenting that erosion control dams along an approximate 3.7 mile section of access road have not been installed to control sediment.

Corrective Action:

Date:

Environmental

Spills/Releases:

Type of Spill: _____ Estimated Spill Volume: _____

Comment: COGCC staff, Chris Binschus and Rick Allison, observed the Operator disposing of non-E&P wastes into a dump truck. Operator representative, Dustin Rollins, was on location and consulted with Rick Allison. Operator identified the spill material, which was not E&P waste.

Corrective Action: If spilled material is not E&P Waste, cleanup spilled material and handle in accordance with Rule 906. Submit documentation of waste determination, disposal and reporting to CDPHE (if reportable quantity) using a Form 4 Sundry Notice.

Date: 05/16/2023

Reportable: _____ GPS: Lat _____ Long _____

Proximity to Surface Water: _____ Depth to Ground Water: _____

Water Well Complaint:

Lat _____ Long _____

DWR Receipt Num: _____ Owner Name: _____ GPS : _____

Field Parameters:

Sample Location: _____ Comment: _____

Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit

Interim Reclamation:

Date Interim Reclamation Started: _____ Date Interim Reclamation Completed: _____

Land Use: 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 _____ Fail _____

Comment **Operator has initiated repairs along the access road to re-install check dams along the access, which remains in-process, and crews started rock removal from pasture areas, which also remains in-process.**

Corrective Action **The prior Corrective Action remains in effect and remains out of compliance.**

Date **02/10/2023**

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: 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

Storm Water:

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

Comment: [On 5/11/2023, COGCC issued a corrective action to Comply with Rule 1002.f due to sediment laden stormwater discharging off location without a downgradient perimeter BMP.](#)
[Additional work has been performed since 5/16; however, additional work is required. At the time of this inspection, Operator believed that the BMPs were sufficient to meet the stormwater requirements. COGCC disagreed and indicated that a significant portion lacked any perimeter BMP. Refer to the attached inspection photos.](#)

Corrective Action: [Comply with Rule 1002.f.](#)

Date: 02/10/2023

Pits: NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Permit:	Facility ID	Permit Num	Expiration Date
	484276	403352150	
	484276	403352150	

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
697504679	Inspection Photos	http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6119735