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

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Inspection Date:

01/24/2024

Submitted Date:

01/30/2024

Document Number:

709100204

**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID: 312291  
Inspector Name: Heibel, Krystal  
On-Site Inspection:   
2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_

**Status Summary:**  
 THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION  
 FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED  
 NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED

**Findings:**  
 22 Number of Comments  
 19 Number of Corrective Actions  
 Corrective Action Response Requested

**Operator Information:**  
 OGCC Operator Number: 95620  
 Name of Operator: WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY  
 Address: 1165 DELAWARE STREET #200  
 City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80204

**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
159442	UIC DISPOSAL	AC	01/16/2014		-	PROPST #1	EI
221078	WELL	IJ	10/01/2020	DSPW	075-09204	Propst 1	EI
479472	TANK BATTERY	AC	02/23/2021		-	PROPST Tank Battery 611N53W /26SWSW	EI

**General Comment:**

On January 24, 2024, ECMC Environmental Staff Krystal Heibel, Alex Fischer, and Dylan Edwardson conducted an environmental field inspection of Western Operating Company (Western) Probst B #1 (Location ID: 312291).

This location has an associated AOC with Order No. (1V-870).  
 Weather was sunny, and temperature about 30 degrees Fahrenheit. For the most recent field inspection report of this facility, please refer to Document #709100197.

For the Interim Reclamation and Stormwater Inspection conducted same day on Jan 24, 2024, reference FIR (Doc# 708200897).

The following is a summary:  
 At the time of inspection, Pit Facility ID 256304 had fluid levels approx. 8 feet below top of berm. Visible hydrocarbons were observed around the perimeter of the pit and approx. 1/3rd of the pit fluid's contained a hydrocarbon sheen. At the time of inspection, fluids were being disposed of into the pit, a trash pump was observed positioned down the pit berm, and what appeared to be a fuel container was observed on its side.

Refer to the photo-documentation of the observed compliance issues attached to this report.  
 Any corrective action(s) and corrective action due dates from previous inspections that have not been addressed are still applicable.

**Location**

Overall Good:

<b>Signs/Marker:</b>		
Type	TANK LABELS/PLACARDS	
Comment:	Tanks contain two different NFPA labels.	
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 605.h.	Date: <u>01/24/2024</u>
Type	WELLHEAD	
Comment:	No signage at wellhead.	
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 605.d.	Date: <u>01/29/2024</u>
Type	BATTERY	
Comment:	Emergency Contact # illegible from a distance.	
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 605.e.	Date: <u>01/27/2023</u>
Type	OTHER	
Comment:	300-bbl tank at pit facility ID 256304 not labeled or placard.	
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 605.e.g. and h.	Date: <u>01/27/2023</u>
Type	OTHER	
Comment:	Vertical separator. A sign has been added, but the corrugated metal makes the sign illegible.	
Corrective Action:	Emergency Contact # illegible from a distance.	Date: <u>01/27/2023</u>

**Emergency Contact Number:**

Comment:

Corrective Action:

Date: 03/27/2023

**Good Housekeeping:**

Type	OTHER	
Comment:	Gate around the pit was down during time of inspection.	
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 909.g.(4) and 1202.(4).A.	Date: <u>01/24/2024</u>
Type	TRASH	
Comment:	Trash and debris throughout the location.	
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606	Date: <u>12/12/2022</u>
Type	WEEDS	
Comment:	Weeds (tumbleweeds) accumulated within the fence area of the pit, the heater treater, and vertical separator.	
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 606	Date: <u>01/24/2024</u>
Type	OTHER	
Comment:	During the Dec 28, 2023, inspection, (Doc #709100197), water within the pit was a shade of pink/red.	
Corrective Action:	Operator shall provide analytical results, sampling for full Table 437-1, Table 915-1, and Table 615.e.(2). (excluding the dissolved gasses and bacteria analysis) for the water within the pit. Water shall also be sampled for Rule 909.j.(1). If analytes are duplicated within the tables, there is no need to duplicate the sampling. Operator shall submit the analytics within the supplemental Form 27 submittal.	Date: <u>11/20/2023</u>

Overall Good:

<b>Spills:</b>			
Type	Area	Volume	
Crude Oil	WELLHEAD	<= 1 bbl	
Comment: Hydrocarbon staining observed beneath the fence next to the injection well shed.			
Corrective Action: Properly dispose of oily waste, in accordance with 905.e.			Date: 10/23/2023
Crude Oil			
Comment: Hydrocarbon staining observed within the pit. Refer to photo documentation.			
Corrective Action: Properly dispose of oily waste in accordance with 905.e.			Date: 01/01/2024
Crude Oil	Tank	<= 1 bbl	
Comment: Hydrocarbon staining observed beneath valve and on the north side of tank at its base. (This may be a potential leak.) Hydrocarbon staining also observed near the loadout on the ground surface.			
Corrective Action: Properly dispose of oily waste in accordance with 905.e. Operator shall document integrity of the structure(tank) within 15 days.			Date: 08/23/2023

In Containment: Yes

Comment:

Multiple Spills and Releases?

<b>Equipment:</b>			corrective date
Type: Other	#		
Comment: No wildlife protection equipment (e.g. netting) installed at day tank secondary containment. During this inspection, Staff observed a wildlife mortality (unable to identify bird species) within apparent hydrocarbon fluid at the secondary containment. Refer to attached inspection photos.			
Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 902.b to install or repair wildlife protection equipment. The location will remain out of compliance until the corrective action has been resolved.			Date: 01/24/2024
Type: Other	# 1		
Comment: Unmarked riser at tank battery.			
Corrective Action: Maintain active and inactive flowlines and crude oil transfer lines to meet rule 1102.i.			Date: 08/10/2023
Type:	#		
Comment: During the Aug 3, 2023, inspection, (Doc #709100064) impacted E&P waste was observed directly on the ground near the separator.			
Corrective Action: Operator shall provide waste manifests for the E&P disposal within a supplemental Form 27 submittal.			Date: 11/20/2023

**Tanks and Berms:**

Contents	#	Capacity	Type	Tank ID	SE GPS
PRODUCED WATER	1	300 BBLS	FIBERGLASS AST		40.893001,-103.264654
Comment: Tank not labeled or placard.					
Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 605.e. and g.					Date: 01/27/2023

**Paint**

Condition	<input type="text"/>
Other (Content)	<input type="text"/>
Other (Capacity)	<input type="text"/>
Other (Type)	<input type="text"/>

**Berms**

Type	Capacity	Permeability (Wall)	Permeability (Base)	Maintenance	
Comment:	During the December and January field inspections, the pit berm was observed to have been pushed into the pit, exposing the area to wildlife and/or livestock access.				
Corrective Action:	Repair or install berms or other secondary containment devices per Rule 603.o. and comply with Rule 1202.(4).A..			Date:	01/24/2024

**Venting:**

Yes/No			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

**Flaring:**

Type		
Comment:		
Corrective Action:		Date:

**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 159442 Type: UIC API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: EI

Facility ID: 221078 Type: WELL API Number: 075-09204 Status: IJ Insp. Status: EI

Facility ID: 479472 Type: TANK API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: EI

**Environmental**

**Spills/Releases:**

Type of Spill: OIL Estimated Spill Volume: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: Oil staining at wellhead and filter (< 1 bbl). Filter socks appeared to be properly stored. Valves and fittings weeping oil at well head and tank battery.

Corrective Action: Control and contain spills/releases and clean up per Rule 912.a. Date: 01/05/2023

Reportable: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS: Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

Proximity to Surface Water: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth to Ground Water: \_\_\_\_\_

**Water Well Complaint:**

DWR Receipt Num: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS : \_\_\_\_\_ Lat \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Parameters:**

Sample Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit**

**Storm Water:**

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

Comment: [Refer to FIR, Doc# 708200897 for additional Interim Reclamation and Stormwater Inspection information.](#)

Corrective Action:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pits:**  NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Permit:	Facility ID	Permit Num	Expiration Date
	256304	846026	

**COGCC Comments**

Comment	User	Date
<a href="#">Operator is in violation of Rule 913.e.(3) since a Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan (Form 27) has not been submitted to the ECMC for this facility within the last 90 days.</a>	heibelk	01/30/2024

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
709100205	Photos	<a href="http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6412968">http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6412968</a>