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FIR RESOLUTION FORM

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CA Summary:

5 of 9 CAs from the FIR responded to on this Form

5 CA Completed  
0 Factual Review Request

OPERATOR INFORMATION

ECMC Operator Number: 10701  
Name of Operator: UPLAND EXPLORATION LLC  
Address: 424 S MAIN ST  
City: BOERNE State: TX Zip: 78006

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ECMC INSPECTION SUMMARY:

FIR Document Number: 697504498  
Inspection Date: 02/10/2023 FIR Submit Date: 02/15/2023 FIR Status:

Inspected Operator Information:

Company Name: UPLAND EXPLORATION LLC Company Number: 10701  
Address: 424 S MAIN ST  
City: BOERNE State: TX Zip: 78006

LOCATION - Location ID: 456651

Location Name: Salt Ranch Fee Number: 18 East County:  
Qtrqr: SESE Sec: 18 Twp: 11N Range: 64W Meridian: 6  
Latitude: 40.914603 Longitude: -104.584484

FACILITY - API Number: 05-123-00 Facility ID: 456651

Facility Name: Salt Ranch Fee Number: 18 East  
Qtrqr: SESE Sec: 18 Twp: 11N Range: 64W Meridian: 6  
Latitude: 40.914603 Longitude: -104.584484

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 606.c. Date: 02/10/2023  
The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.

Response: CA COMPLETED Date of Completion: 02/10/2023

Operator Comment: Location was all sprayed last year by CCR before Upland took over the lease, weeds were dormant, this was discussed with Chris Binschus 2/28/2023. Crews conducted pulling weeds by hand (3/2/23 - 3/31/23); Precision Industrial Applications is conducting weed spraying at the location and along lease road .Upland has continued to spray and remove weeds. Colorado had seen an unprecedented amount of precipitation. Russian Thistle was present along the road and adjacent lands prior to Upland operations as represented in historical aerial photos. Weed mitigation/spraying and removal is ongoing. Weed Management Plan was approved per Inspection Document #697504884.

ECMC Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

ECMC Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**3** CA# 167473

Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 606.d. Date: 02/10/2023  
The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.

Response: CA COMPLETED Date of Completion: 02/10/2023

Operator Comment: Upland placed an enclosed dumpster on location - trash being discovered is not a direct result of Upland operations; field personnel are maintaining good housekeeping measures. The access road is utilized by multiple contractors and the landowner. The location and access road is driven and maintained daily, if trash is observed it is picked up and properly disposed of; this area experiences significant winds; trash observed by the inspector is not the result of Upland activities. Operator continues to work with Subcontractors to keep trash properly picked up.

ECMC Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

ECMC Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**7** CA# 167477

Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 1002.c. Date: 02/11/2023  
The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.

Response: CA COMPLETED Date of Completion: 08/07/2023

Operator Comment: Per Inspection Document #697504785, ECMC acknowledges that "Operator has reseeded the topsoil stockpile since the previous inspection". Topsoil stockpiles have been sprayed and reseeded as well as crimped and stabilized to address the excessive rainfall and wind storm events; Upland continues to conduct weed and sediment erosion mitigation as necessary along the topsoil stockpiles and along the access road. Inspection Document 697504884 acknowledges the proper weed management plan is in place.

ECMC Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

ECMC Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**8** CA# 167478

Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 1002.e.(1) and 1002.e.(4) Date: 02/10/2023  
The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.

Response: CA COMPLETED Date of Completion: 02/10/2023

Operator Comment: Upland is maintaining its SW BMPs at the location to control stormwater runoff in a manner that minimizes erosion, transport of sediment offsite, and site degradation. Ongoing maintenance of SW controls has been being maintained and sediment controls, rock checks and/or waddles have been routinely replaced. Stormwater controls will be managed and maintain until the location is fully reclaimed. FIRR Document #403572538 stated

that this CA was approved pending re-inspection. SW BMPS were addressed at the location, access road and Geary Creek areas see attached photos. FIRR Document #403533083 says CA was approved pending re-inspection. Operator is maintaining proper weed management per approved plan. Operator is working with contractor for topsoil sampling and reclamation of disturbed areas along the access road and other areas identified.

ECMC Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

ECMC Representative:

**9** CA# 167479

Corrective Action: Comply with Rules 1002.f.(2) and 1002.f.(2)B

Date: 02/10/2023

The corrective action date is the date the location was observed out of compliance.

Response: CA COMPLETED

Date of Completion: 02/10/2023

Operator Comment:

Upland is maintaining its SW BMPs at the location to control stormwater runoff in a manner that minimizes erosion, transport of sediment offsite, and site degradation. Ongoing maintenance of SW controls has been being maintained and sediment controls, rock checks and/or waddles have been routinely replaced. Stormwater controls will be managed and maintain until the location is fully reclaimed. FIRR Document #403572538 stated that this CA was approved pending re-inspection. SW BMPS were addressed at the location, access road and Geary Creek areas see attached photos. FIRR Document #403533083 says CA was approved pending re-inspection. Operator has cleaned up and properly contained gasoline containers. Porta-john has been up righted and stabilized.

ECMC Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

ECMC Representative:

**OPERATOR COMMENT AND SUBMITTAL**

Comment:

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Print Name: Dustin Rollins

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Field Supervisor

Date: 4/22/2024 3:10:10 PM

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