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

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Inspection Date:

06/04/2024

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696205867

**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID: 482958 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron On-Site Inspection:  2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Findings:**  
 15 Number of Comments  
 3 Number of Corrective Actions  
 Corrective Action Response Requested

**Operator Information:**  
 ECMC Operator Number: 96850  
 Name of Operator: TEP ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLC  
 Address: 1058 COUNTY ROAD 215  
 City: PARACHUTE State: CO Zip: 81635

**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
482958	LOCATION	AC			-	FEDERAL RG 11-13-298	RI

**General Comment:**

On 6/4/2024 Reclamation Specialist Trujillo and the ECMC Reclamation Group inspected TEP Rocky Mountain LLCs' FEDERAL/RG 11-13-298 location in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

Location is Federal Surface / Federal Mineral.

This inspection is a follow-up to #696205238 and #696205697 to document compliance with the following corrective actions:

- Cutting trench permitting requirements
- Stormwater/Access Road

It was observed in this inspection that the requirement to permit the cuttings trench pursuant to Rule 908.c remains outstanding.

The following new compliance issues were observed during this inspection:

- Cellars lack covering or BMPs to allow egress, leading to wildlife entrapment and mortality
- Lines at cellars observed leaking fluids.

Refer to the "Location", "Reclamation" and "Stormwater" sections 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 inspection that have not been addressed are still applicable.

**Location**

<b>Lease Road:</b>			
	Type	Access	
	comment:	<p>Inspection #696205697 observed that BMPs were missing or insufficient at the access road, resulting in tracking and degradation. Inspection required Operator to Comply with Rules 1002.e.(4) and 1002.f.</p> <p>It was observed in this inspection that the degradation has been repaired, BMPs (Gravel, Track Pad) have been implemented to minimize further issues, and the road has been marked to ensure traffic is restricted.</p> <p>This CA has been resolved.</p>	
	Corrective ActionL		Date:

Overall Good:

<b>Signs/Marker:</b>			
	Type	OTHER	
	Comment:	Location signage w/ 2A	
	Corrective Action:		Date:
	Type	OTHER	
	Comment:	County road / Lease road intersection	
	Corrective Action:		Date:
	Type	TANK LABELS/PLACARDS	
	Comment:	Tanks on Location missing labeling. However, production has not commenced on Location.	
	Corrective Action:		Date:
	Type	OTHER	
	Comment:	Topsoil signage	
	Corrective Action:		Date:

<b>Emergency Contact Number:</b>			
	Comment:	970-285-9377 / 911	
	Corrective Action:		Date: _____

Overall Good:

<b>Spills:</b>			
Type	Area	Volume	
	Comment:	<p>Riser equipment next to conductors/cellars observed leaking fluids. ECMC Staff contacted Operator (Dustin Welsh) at 14:51 hours on 6/4/2024 and provided notice of the compliance issue.</p>	
	Corrective Action:	<p>Securely fasten all valves, pipes, fittings, and Production Facilities to ensure good mechanical condition, inspect at regular intervals and maintain in good mechanical condition per Rule 608.e.</p> <p>Clean/Remediate stained soils to Table 915-1 cleanup concentrations by 7/4/2024</p>	Date: 06/05/2024

In Containment: No \_\_\_\_\_

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

Multiple Spills and Releases?

<b>Equipment:</b>			corrective date
Type:	#		
Comment:	<p>Cellars have been installed on Location. It was observed in this inspection that fencing, covers, and other BMPs to allow for wildlife egress from the cellars have not been installed, resulting in wildlife entrapment and mortality within multiple cellars.</p> <p>ECMC Staff contacted Operator (Dustin Welsh) at 14:51 hours on 6/4/2024) and provided notice of the compliance issue.</p>		
Corrective Action:	Comply with Rule 902.b and Rule 406.e		Date: 06/11/2024

**Venting:**

Yes/No			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

**Flaring:**

Type			
Comment:			
Corrective Action:		Date:	

**Inspected Facilities**

Facility ID: 482958 Type: LOCATION API Number: - Status: AC Insp. Status: RI

The subreport 'InspWellFlowline' could not be found at the specified location \\10.14.12

**Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit**

**Interim Reclamation:**

Date Interim Reclamation Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Interim Reclamation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Use: RANGELAND, RECREATIONAL

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_

Comment [Hydromulch at topsoil stockpiles appears to have been maintained.](#)

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: RANGELAND, RECREATIONAL \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Corrective Action:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pits:**  NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Type:	Lined:	Pit ID:	Lat:	Long:
Reference Point: _____	Other: _____	Length: _____	Width: _____	

**Lining:**

Liner Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Liner Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

Corrective Action

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fencing:**

Fencing Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Fencing Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

Corrective Action

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Netting:**

Netting Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Netting Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

Corrective Action

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anchor Trench Present: \_\_\_\_\_ Oil Accumulation: \_\_\_\_\_ 2+ feet Freeboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

Pursuant to Rule 908.c., Operators will submit a Form 15 within 30 days after constructing Cuttings Trenches approved on a Form 2A.

Per form 2A #402932455 and the permitted Waste Management Plan, drill cuttings will be disposed onsite within a cuttings trench.

Inspection #696205238 dated 9/6/2023 observed that the Cuttings Trench had been constructed, however no Form 15 for permitting the cuttings trench had been submitted.

Inspection required Operator to Comply with Rule 908.c by 9/6/2023.

After review of the Location files, unable to find records that a Form 15 has been submitted for the cuttings trench.

Corrective action per inspection #696205238 requiring compliance with Rule 908.c has not been addressed and remains applicable.

Corrective Action

**Corrective Action per inspection #696205238: Comply with Rule 908.c**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attached Documents**

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

Document Num	Description	URL
696205868	Inspection Photos	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6584945">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6584945</a>