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X/20**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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Inspection Date:

09/23/2024

Submitted Date:

09/24/2024

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FIELD INSPECTION FORMLoc ID 487080 Inspector Name: Trujillo, Aaron On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: _____**Operator Information:**

ECMC Operator Number: 3104

Name of Operator: ANSCHUTZ EXPLORATION CORP

Address: 555 17TH ST STE 2400

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Status Summary:

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

Findings:

16 Number of Comments

1 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
487080	LOCATION	AC	06/20/2024		-	Mohee Fed 0297-17	CI

General Comment:

On 9/23/2024, Western Reclamation Work Lead Trujillo conducted a pre-drill construction and stormwater inspection at Anschutz Exploration Corp's Mhee Fed 0297-17 location in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

This inspection is in response to Form 42 "Notice of Construction" #403929526; pursuant to the Form 42, construction of the Location was to commence 9/23/2024.

It was observed in this inspection that construction Operations have not commenced- on 9/24/2024, Operator provided notice via email that mobilization will commence 9/24/2024, with construction operations beginning 9/25/2024.

If Operator's schedule for construction operations is to be further delayed, a new Form 42 Notice with an updated date will need to be submitted

Refer to the Location Construction and Reclamation sections of this inspection report for additional details.

The following compliance issues were observed:

-Interim Reclamation Variance, OGDPA and Form 2A Conditions of Approval.

See the "Interim Reclamation", and "COGCC Comment" sections of this report for additional details. Including ECMC Financial Assurance Supervisor for notification purposes.

LocationOverall Good: ☐**Signs/Marker:**

Type	OTHER		
Comment:	Pursuant to Form 2A COAs, Topsoil stockpiles will be indicated on site with signage. Signage identifying topsoil stockpiled on the Location will be required once salvage operations have completed.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	Pursuant to Rule 406.c a copy of the approved Form 2A, and any Form 4 modifying the approved Form 2A, will be posted in a protected and conspicuous place on location upon commencement of operations with heavy equipment until the conclusion of interim Reclamation. Permit not yet posted on Location.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	Pursuant to Rule 406.d Operator will post a sign not less than 2 feet by 2 feet at the intersection of the lease road and the public road providing access to the Oil and Gas Location, with the name of the proposed Well or Oil and Gas Location, the legal location thereof, and the estimated date of commencement of construction. Such sign will be maintained until Well completion operations and construction operations at the Oil and Gas Location are concluded. Signage not yet posted at the intersection of the lease road and public road.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	
Type	OTHER		
Comment:	Pursuant to Rule 605.a, from the time of construction until Reclamation is complete, the Operator will post a sign at the entrance to an Oil and Gas Location that includes the: (1) Oil and Gas Location name; (2) Commission's assigned Oil and Gas Location identification number (ID #); (3) The Operator's telephone number where it may be reached at all times; and (4) Telephone number(s) for local emergency services (911 where available). Signage not yet posted and will be required upon commencement of construction.		
Corrective Action:		Date:	

Emergency Contact Number:Comment: Corrective Action: Date: Overall Good: ☐**Spills:**

Type	Area	Volume		
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In Containment: No

Comment: ☐ Multiple Spills and Releases?**Venting:**

Yes/No			
Comment:			

Corrective Action:		Date:	
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Flaring:

Type	
Comment:	
Corrective Action:	
Date:	

Location Construction

Location ID: 487080 CDP: _____

Comment: Pursuant to Form 2A #403549787, the size of the Location's disturbance area is to be 9.74 acres. A follow-up inspection will be conducted to determine compliance for Form 2A permit requirements.

Corrective Action: _____ Date: _____

Form 2A COAs:

Comment: Construction activities to commence outside of the nesting season for migratory birds.

Corrective Action: _____ Date: _____

Wildlife BMPs:

Comment: _____

Corrective Action: _____ Date: _____

Stormwater:

Erosion BMPs	Present	Other BMPs	Present
RETENTION PONDS	No		

Comments: Erosion BMPs: Pursuant to the Form 2A #403549787 SWMP, sediment traps and diversion ditches will be installed along the perimeter of the site prior to pad excavation.

Other BMPs: Pursuant to Operator's construction layout drawing, sediment traps will be installed on the North, West and Southern ends of the disturbance.

Sediment traps are required to be sufficient in size to allow for proper retention time and sediment deposition; BMPs will require engineered inlet/outlet protection such as rip-rap material in conjunction with geotextile.

Corrective Action: _____ Date: _____

DITCHES	No		
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Comments: Erosion BMPs: Pursuant to Form 2A #403549787 conditions of approval, Diversion Ditches will be installed around the perimeter of the location prior to commencement of surface disturbing activities, and act as the primary stormwater control measure.

Ditch and other perimeter stormwater and erosion control BMPs not yet installed, and will be required prior to the commencement of surface disturbing activities.

Other BMPs: _____

Corrective Action: _____ Date: _____

Comments: Erosion BMPs: **HYDRO-SEED/MULCH**

Pursuant to the Form 2A #403549787 SWMP, the cut/fill slopes, stockpiled soils will be hydro-seeded and mulched post pad construction, or earlier if site will remain idle for and extended period of time.

Other BMPs:

Corrective Action:

Date:

No

Comments: Erosion BMPs: **CULVERTS**

Pursuant to Operator's construction layout drawing, culverts at the access road will be "installed as needed".

Other BMPs:

Pursuant to Form 2A #403549787 conditions of approval, culverts will be 18" minimum or appropriately sized to accommodate designed flows.

Corrective Action:

Date:

Comment:**Corrective
Action:****Date:****On Site Inspection (305):****Surface Owner Contact Information:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Operator Rep. Contact Information:

Landman Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date Onsite Request Received: _____

Date of Rule 306 Consultation: _____

Request LGD Attendance: _____

LGD Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Agreed to Attend: _____

Summary of Landowner Issues:**Summary of Operator Response to Landowner Issues:****Onsite Inspection Memorandum Summarizing Discussions at Inspection as Attachment:**

Inspected Facilities									
Facility ID:	487080	Type:	LOCATION	API Number:	-	Status:	AC	Insp. Status:	CI
The subreport 'InspWellFlowline' could not be found at the specified location \\10.14.12									

Environmental					
Waste Management:					
Type	Management	Condition	GPS (Lat) (Long)		
Comment	Pursuant to Form 2A #403549787, drilling fluids and cuttings will be disposed offsite; no pits will be constructed on the Location.				
Corrective Action					Date:
Spill/Remediation:					
Comment:					
Corrective Action:					Date:
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: RANGELAND

Comment: _____

1002 SITE PREPARATION AND STABILIZATION

1002a. FENCING _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

1002b. SOIL REMOVAL AND SEGREGATION _____

Comment _____

Pursuant to Operators Topsoil Protection Plan, ~5,600 cubic yards of topsoil over 6.94 acres will be salvaged and stored.

Pursuant to the construction layout, the Pad disturbance area (including cut/fill Slopes and stockpiles) will be ~8.267 acres, with the pad footprint being 6.264 acres.

All topsoil, or the top 6 inches (whichever is deeper) is required to be separated and stored; A follow-up inspection will be performed to determine compliance with Rule 1002.b requirements.

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 REVEGETATIONCropland

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 [See "COGCC Comments" at the end of this report.](#)

Corrective Action [Comply with Form 2A #403549787 Conditions of Approval.](#)

Date **09/27/2024**

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 ☐

ECMC Comments

Comment	User	Date
<p>Pursuant to Commission Order 593-1, Operator received a Variance to Rule 1003.b that provides an additional 12 months, for a total of 18 months, of time to perform interim reclamation.</p> <p>The Form 2A #403549787 was approved with the following COAs:</p> <p>-Approval of this variance request is contingent upon receipt of bonding to ECMC in the amount of \$300,000. The individual interim reclamation bond must be received within 45 days from the date the OGD and this variance is approved by the Commission.</p> <p>-On a Form 4 Submit the bond to the attention of Debbie Lutz and the Area Reclamation Specialist. Additionally, attach the signed tolling agreement to the same Form 4. Last, please provide within the same Form 4 a summary of the variance request as follows: Location Name; Location ID; Duration; Interim Reclamation Delay 1.5 years; Bond Amount: \$300,000.</p> <p>Unclear if bonding of \$300,000 has been provided for the Location; to date, no Form 4 has been submitted as required per Form 2A COAs.</p> <p>Including ECMC Financial Assurance Supervisor for notification purposes.</p>	trujilloam	09/24/2024

Attached Documents

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

Document Num	Description	URL
696206305	Inspection Photos	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6718823
696206306	Email Correspondance	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6718824