

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	05/16/2023	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	Clean Water Act – National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) – Brine Program	
Company Name:	Unknown	
Facility Name:	Unknown (Pipeline Complaint)	
Facility Physical Location:	34.1814496, -97.5324023	
(city, state, zip code)	Healdton, Oklahoma	
Mailing address:	Unknown	
(city, state, zip code)	Unknown	
County/Parish:	Carter County	
Facility Phone Number	Unknown	
Facility Contact:	Unknown	Unknown
	Unknown	
FRS Number:	n/a	
EPA Identification Number:	OKU002169	
Media Identifier Number:	n/a	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Jeanne Eckhart	U.S. EPA Region 6 – ECDWE	Lead Inspector
Michael Blaha	U.S. EPA Region 6 – ECDWE	Inspector
Shawn Coslett	Oklahoma Corporation Commission	Manager of Pollution Abatement
Clayton Christian	Oklahoma Corporation Commission	Field Inspector
Josh Lakey	Oklahoma Corporation Commission	Field Inspector
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	Jeanne Eckhart	Date
Acting Supervisor Signature/Date		
for	Enoch Johnbull	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 Inspectors, Jeanne Eckhart and Michael Blaha, arrived at the unknown facility (pipeline complaint) at 2:00 PM on 05/16/2023 for a Clean Water Act (CWA) inspection under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). This was an inspection in response to a referral from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) received by EPA Region 6. We met with OCC representatives on site for the entire inspection. There were no company representatives on site during the beginning of the inspection. The inspection was conducted by the authority of the Clean Water Act (CWA) to determine compliance with federal regulations.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

EPA conducted an CWA inspection at the pipeline complaint location due to a reported purging recent purging event. OCC representatives identified an abandoned pipeline at the purge location and has assessed this complaint and taken multiple action items. The purging fluids did not reach any nearby surface waterbodies, as identified by OCC representatives during the inspection.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

At the time of the inspection, the abandoned pipeline was covered up and had been capped by OCC activities to address the potential pipeline leak. The covered location can be seen in **Appendix A**, Photo No. 1.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

Previous or current ownership of this pipeline has not been identified at this time.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

EPA will continue to follow up with OCC and operators in the area of concern as needed.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix A – Photo Log – 1 photo taken 5/16/2023

Appendix A

Photograph Log

1 Photo



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: 34.1814496, -97.5324023		
City: Healdton	County/Parish: Carter	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010180.JPG

Orientation: SW

Date of Photo: 05/16/2023

Time of Photo: 2:03 PM

Latitude: 34.1814496

Longitude: -97.5324023

Photographer: Jeanne Eckhart

Description: This was a photo of the dug-up pipeline location that was covered back up. According to OCC representatives, this site was a landowner complaint received by OCC. The complainant indicated that surface fluids bubbled up. OCC investigated and concluded that an abandoned pipeline was the source of the fluids that reached the surface.