

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT**

BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: R360 Shute Creek LLC

Facility Location: 41.868615, -110.040878

RCRA ID: WYR000207589

Facility Contact: Adrian Trim
719-357-1972

Notification Status: Non-notifier

Date of Inspection: May 16, 2023

Arrival Time: 9:45 a.m.

Departure Time: 10:30 a.m.

Lead Inspector: Annette Maxwell, U.S. EPA

Other Attendees:

1. Dennis Lamb, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ)
2. Jared Gunter, Shute Creek
3. Neal Sidwell, Shute Creek

Type and Purpose of Inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection

Facility Type: Commercial Oilfield Waste Disposal Facility (COWDF)

Applicable Statute to Inspection: RCRA Section 7003

Inspection Type: Unannounced Inspection
Joint: U.S. EPA and WDEQ

OPENING CONFERENCE

Facility Operator: R360 Environmental Solutions

General Facility and Process Description: The Shute Creek facility (Facility) is a COWDF that receives non-hazardous RCRA Subtitle C-exempt E&P oilfield waste for storage, treatment and/or disposal. The Facility has been issued a permit to operate a COWDF by WDEQ. The Facility includes four evaporation ponds, a netted slop pit, storage tanks and a tanker truck offload area.

TOUR INFORMATION

Upon arrival at the Facility, an opening conference was conducted with Facility representative Jared Gunter, followed by a walk-through of the Facility.

During the opening conference, Mr. Gunter stated that there was oil on pond 3 (see Attachment 1 – Site Map) and that they had been having trouble getting to it due to the weather, but since it

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had cleared within the past week or so, they were now planning to start skimming it. Prior to the inspection, snow and muddy conditions had affected site and pond accessibility.

Areas of the Facility toured:

- slop/skim pit
- evaporation ponds
- tank batteries
- tanker offload area

Data Collected and Observations: During the walk-through, I observed that the netting over the slop/skim pit appeared to be in good condition with no visible holes or gaps.

At the evaporation ponds, I observed oil floating on approximately 7% (estimated to be more than 5% but less than 10%) of the surface of pond 3. See Attachment 2 – Photograph Log, photo 2006.

On pond 4, I observed floating oily waste on approximately 20% of the pond surface (photos 2007 and 2008), and on pond 2 approximately 5% of the pond surface (photos 2009-2011).

I did not observe spills or other concerns at any other areas of the facility.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

During the closing conference, Mr. Gunter stated that they would use a pump and hose set to pull off the oil from the evaporation ponds and transfer it back to the slop skim pit. He also stated he thought that this material floating on ponds 2 and 4 may also be part algae.

SIGNATURE & DATE

Lead Inspector: _____
Annette Maxwell, RCRA Inspector

Supervisor: _____
Janice A. Pearson, Manager
RCRA & OPA Enforcement Branch
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Attachment 1 – Site Map

Slop/skim pit

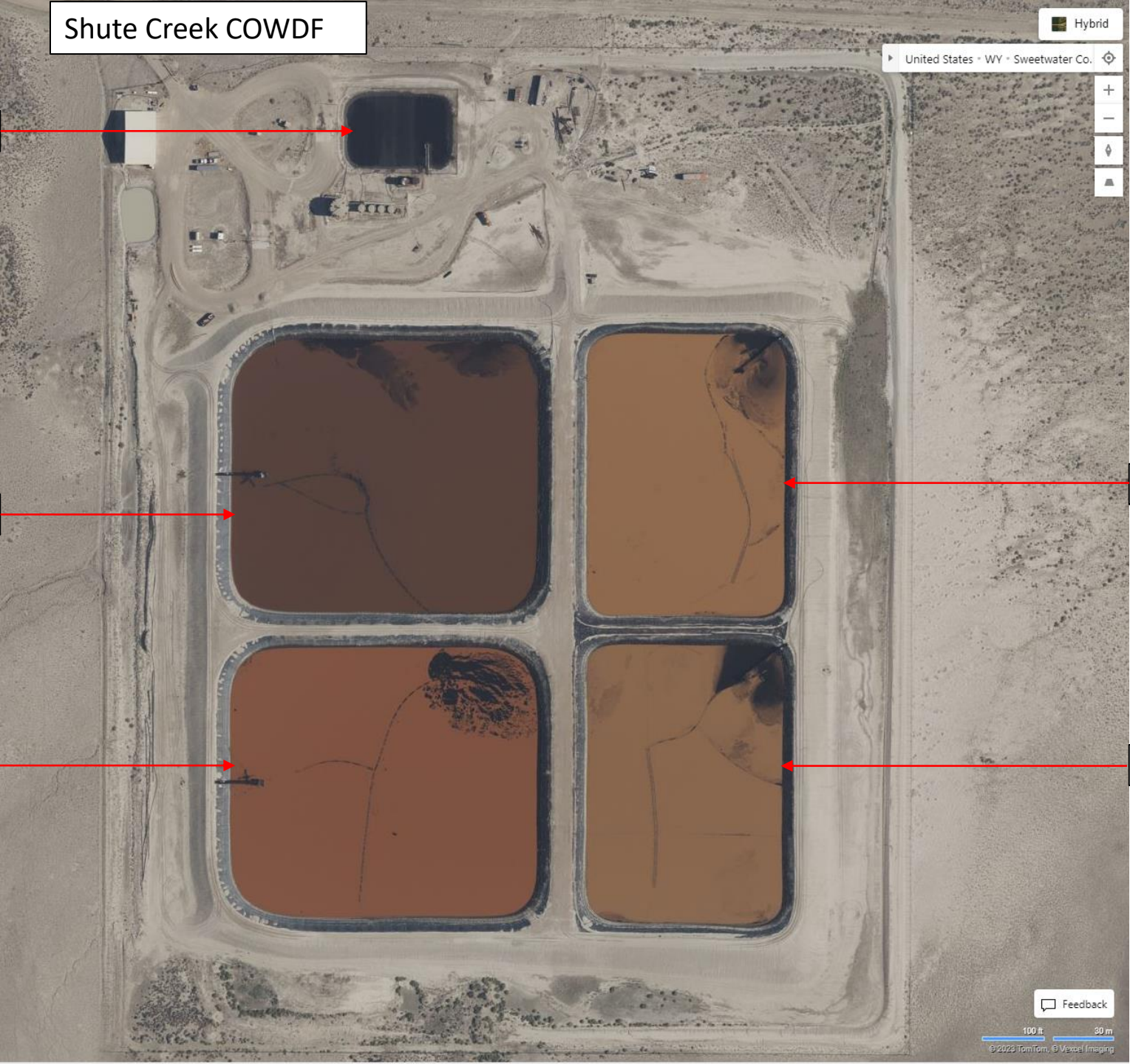
Shute Creek COWDF

Pond 3

Pond 4

Pond 1

Pond 2



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ATTACHMENT 2 – PHOTO LOG

Photographer: Annette Maxwell

Camera Model and ID: Nikon Coolpix, B00228

Photo 2006: DSCN2006.jpg – photo of pond 3 from the southeast corner of the pond facing north/northwest with oil floating on the surface of the pond visible to right.



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Photo 2007: DSCN2007.jpg – photo of pond 4 taken from the northeast corner facing south/southwest with oil visible on the surface of the pond.



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Photo 2008: DSCN2008.jpg – photo of the same area shown in photo 2007, panned right.



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Photo 2009: DSCN2009.jpg – photo of pond 2 taken near the northwest corner facing east.



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Photo 2010: DSCN2010.jpg – photo of the same area as that shown in photo 2009, panned right.



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Photo 2011: DSCN2011.jpg – photo of the same area as that shown in photos 2009 and 2010, panned right.

