

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	05/10/2024	
Media Program:	Water (CWA)	
Regulatory Program(s)	Water (CWA) Brine Program (Oil & Gas inspection)	
Company Name:	LaRay Oil, LLC	
Facility Name:	Thompson #1 SWD	
Facility Physical Location:	From Highway 7 North, thence Highway 7 Business, thence Gas Plant Rd, off an oil field lease road at 33.348867, -92.688800	
(city, state, zip code)	Smackover, AR 71762	
Mailing address:	5028 Hwy 7 South	
(city, state, zip code)	Louann, AR 71751	
County/Parish:	Union County	
Facility Phone Number	870-918-9859	
Facility Contact:	Jimmy R. Newton	Owner / Operator
	larayoilco@sat-co.net	
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002232; see ADEQ State No-Discharge permit 0709-WG-SW for AFIN 70-01291	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Kerri McCabe (lead)	EPA / Region 6 ECDW	Inspector / Enforcement Officer
Michael Blaha	EPA / Region 6 ECDW	Inspector / Enforcement Officer
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	 KERRI MCCABE Digitally signed by KERRI MCCABE Date: 2024.06.11 08:54:47 -05'00'	
	Kerri McCabe	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Michael Blaha (acting)	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 Inspectors Kerri McCabe (lead) and Michael Blaha arrived at the LaRay Oil, LLC / Thompson #1 SWD, located from Highway 7 North, thence Highway 7 Business, thence Gas Plant Rd, off an oil field lease road at 33.348867, -92.688800; at 1124 on 05/10/2024 for an unannounced inspection. No facility representatives were present at the time of the inspection; however, Mr. Jimmy Newton with LaRay Oil, LLC was notified of the inspection. The inspection was conducted by the authority of the Clean Water Act (CWA) to determine compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. There were no other federal, state, or local agency representatives present at the time of the inspection.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

EPA conducted a follow-up inspection on the LaRay Oil, LLC / Thompson #1 SWD, which contains one (1) storage tank and one (1) saltwater disposal (SWD) well.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

I observed the intermittent receiving stream, an unnamed tributary (UT) of Holmes Creek.; see Appendix 1 (Photograph Log), Photo No. 1. For additional GPS location and photo metadata, see Appendix 1.

I observed the pool area in the UT, which was observed during the 04/04/2024 follow-up inspection, as well as an area identified as a former reserve pit; see Photo No. 2.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No closing conference was held due to no personnel with LaRay Oil, LLC being present during the inspection. Areas of concern at the time of the inspection include elevated TDS readings in the UT adjacent to the facility drainpipe and former reserve pit areas.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

Inspector will conduct follow-up phone calls with the company representative(s) over the coming weeks and months to ensure areas of concern are properly addressed.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Photograph Log – 2 photos taken 05/10/2024.

Appendix 1

Photograph Log 2 Photos



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: LaRay Oil, LLC – Thompson #1 SWD Follow-up from Gas Plant Rd off oil field lease road at 33.348867, -92.688800.		
City: Smackover	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: IMG_0051

Orientation: S

Date of Photo: 05/10/2024

Time of Photo: 1134

Latitude: 33.348950

Longitude: -92.688361

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking S, this photo showed the intermittent, unnamed tributary (UT) that was sampled for Total Dissolved Solids during the 04/04/2024 follow-up inspection. An area from a former reserve pit (photo right) was noted at the facility.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: LaRay Oil, LLC – Thompson #1 SWD Follow-up from Gas Plant Rd off oil field lease road at 33.348867, -92.688800.		
City: Smackover	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: IMG_0052

Orientation: S

Date of Photo: 05/10/2024

Time of Photo: 1136

Latitude: 33.348672

Longitude: -92.688416

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking S, this photo showed another view of the pool in the intermittent UT from the 04/04/2024 follow-up inspection.