

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	05/22/2024	
Media Program:	Water (CWA)	
Regulatory Program(s)	Water (CWA) Brine Program (Oil & Gas inspection)	
Company Name:	MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC	
Facility Name:	Hutcheson B-2 SWD Commercial	
Facility Physical Location:	From Highway 82 West, thence Highway 98 South, thence Columbia County Rd 11 E, off Columbia County Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841.	
(city, state, zip code)	Magnolia, AR 71753	
Mailing address:	4101 Old Oak Drive	
(city, state, zip code)	Little Rock, AR 71212	
County/Parish:	Columbia County	
Facility Phone Number	501-690-8893	
Facility Contact:	Kirk Brown (318-773-3852)	Director of Operations
	Kirk.brown@trekkerenergy.com	
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002246; see ADEQ State No-Discharge permit 0759-WG-SW-4 for AFIN 14-00107	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Kerri McCabe (lead)	EPA / Region 6 ECDW	Inspector / Enforcement Officer
Michael Young	ADEQ / Office of Water Quality	Inspector Supervisor
Kirk Brown	Trekker Energy Services	Director of Operations
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	Kerri McCabe	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Jeanne Eckhart	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 Inspector Kerri McCabe (lead) arrived at the MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC / Hutcheson B-2 SWD Commercial, located from Highway 82 West, thence Highway 98 South, thence Columbia County Rd 11 E, off Columbia County Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841; at 0926 on 05/22/2024 for an announced follow-up inspection. Mr. Kirk Brown, Trekker Energy Services, was present at the time 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. Mr. Micheal Young, Inspector Supervisor, with ADEQ – Office of Water Quality – Compliance Branch, was present at the time of the inspection.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

EPA conducted a follow-up inspection on the MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC / Hutcheson B-2 SWD Commercial facility, which contains seven (7) storage tanks, two (2) frac tanks, and one (1) saltwater disposal (SWD) well.



Aerial Image 1. Overview of the area of the MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC – Hutcheson B-2 SWD Commercial well and tank battery. Google Earth image date 11/23/2019.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

I observed the facility sign, secondary containment, pipes and valves, and storage tanks located at the facility; see Appendix 1 (Photograph Log), Photo No. 1 and No. 2. For additional GPS location and photo metadata, see Appendix 1.

I observed two (2) frac tanks used for storage outside secondary containment. The frac tanks were marked with "NIU" for "not in use." Mr. Kirk Brown stated that the frac tanks had been emptied. See Photo No. 3.

I observed a pipe without a cap connected to the two (2) frac tanks in Photo No. 3. See Photo No. 4.

I observed the pump and sump area used for transferring wastes to the tanks in the tank battery. See Photo No. 5.

I observed the tanks, inside secondary containment, manifolded to each other. See Photo No. 6.

I observed an area, inside secondary containment, where crude oil had been covered by gravel substrate. See Photo No. 7.

I observed the pump for the Saltwater Disposal (SWD) commercial well with staining on the ground. The SWD well (not pictured) was noted outside secondary containment. See Photo No. 8.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

A closing conference was held with Mr. Kirk Brown, Trekker Energy Services, during the inspection. Areas of concern at the time of the inspection include:

- A connector pipe without a cap for the two (2) frac tanks outside secondary containment,
- The tanks inside secondary containment manifolded together,
- Residual spills covered with loose gravel,
- Residual spills around the pump for the SWD commercial well,
- The erodible soils behind the secondary containment and drainpipe.

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 – 8 photos taken 05/22/2024.

Appendix 1

Photograph Log 8 Photos



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC – Hutcheson B-2 SWD from Columbia Co Rd 11E off Columbia Co Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841.

City: Magnolia

County/Parish: Columbia

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010142

Orientation: SE

Date of Photo: 05/22/2024

Time of Photo: 0959

Latitude: 33.170783

Longitude: -93.102800

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking SE, this photo showed the signage at the facility.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC – Hutcheson B-2 SWD from Columbia Co Rd 11E off Columbia Co Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841.

City: Magnolia

County/Parish: Columbia

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010143

Orientation: E

Date of Photo: 05/22/2024

Time of Photo: 0959

Latitude: 33.170600

Longitude: -93.103200

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking E, this photo showed the overview of the facility.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC – Hutcheson B-2 SWD from Columbia Co Rd 11E off Columbia Co Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841.

City: Magnolia

County/Parish: Columbia

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010144

Orientation: S

Date of Photo: 05/22/2024

Time of Photo: 1000

Latitude: 33.170417

Longitude: -93.102783

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking S, this photo showed two frac tanks labeled "NIU" for "not in use." The operator, Kirk Brown, stated the frac tanks had been emptied.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location: MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC – Hutcheson B-2 SWD from Columbia Co Rd 11E off Columbia Co Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841.

City: Magnolia

County/Parish: Columbia

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010145

Orientation: N-NW

Date of Photo: 05/22/2024

Time of Photo: 1001

Latitude: 33.170217

Longitude: -93.102717

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking N-NW, this photo showed a connector pipe without a cap connected to hosing for the frac tanks in Photo No. 3.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 5

Location: MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC – Hutcheson B-2 SWD from Columbia Co Rd 11E off Columbia Co Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841.

City: Magnolia

County/Parish: Columbia

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010146

Orientation: N-NE

Date of Photo: 05/22/2024

Time of Photo: 1001

Latitude: 33.170232

Longitude: -93.102748

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking N-NE, this photo showed the pump and sump area used for transferring wastes to the tanks in the tank battery.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Location: MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC – Hutcheson B-2 SWD from Columbia Co Rd 11E off Columbia Co Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841.

City: Magnolia

County/Parish: Columbia

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010147

Orientation: W-SW

Date of Photo: 05/22/2024

Time of Photo: 1002

Latitude: 33.170433

Longitude: -93.102583

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking W-SW, this photo showed the tanks, inside secondary containment, manifolded to each other.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Location: MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC – Hutcheson B-2 SWD from Columbia Co Rd 11E off Columbia Co Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841.

City: Magnolia

County/Parish: Columbia

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010148

Orientation: SE

Date of Photo: 05/22/2024

Time of Photo: 1002

Latitude: 33.170383

Longitude: -93.102717

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking SE, this photo showed an area, inside secondary containment, where crude oil had been covered by gravel substrate.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 8

Location: MidAmerica Environmental Holdings, LLC – Hutcheson B-2 SWD from Columbia Co Rd 11E off Columbia Co Rd 402 at 33.170502, -93.102841.

City: Magnolia

County/Parish: Columbia

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010149

Orientation: W

Date of Photo: 05/22/2024

Time of Photo: 1003

Latitude: 33.170367

Longitude: -93.102383

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking W, this photo showed the pump for the Saltwater Disposal (SWD) commercial well with staining on the ground. The SWD well (not pictured) was noted outside secondary containment.