

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	04/17/2025	
Media Program:	Water (CWA)	
Regulatory Program(s)	Water (CWA) Brine Program (Oil & Gas inspection)	
Company Name:	Nevada Oil, LLC	
Facility Name:	Duke Tank Battery	
Facility Physical Location:	From Strong (Sandy Bend Community), State Hwy 82 E, left on Old Strong Hwy (Union CR 39), right on Sandy Bend Rd, and then right onto an oilfield lease road at 33.156967, -92.404000.	
(city, state, zip code)	Strong, AR 71730	
Mailing address:	451 North Washington	
(city, state, zip code)	El Dorado, AR 71864	
County/Parish:	Union County	
Facility Phone Number	870-862-9950	
Facility Contact:	Michael L. Burns (870-310-1501)	Person Responsible for Operation
	hrowan@ecgcpa.com	
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002305	
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
Uma Lad	EPA / Region 6 ECDW	Inspector / Enforcement Officer
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	Kerri McCabe	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Jeanne Eckhart	Date

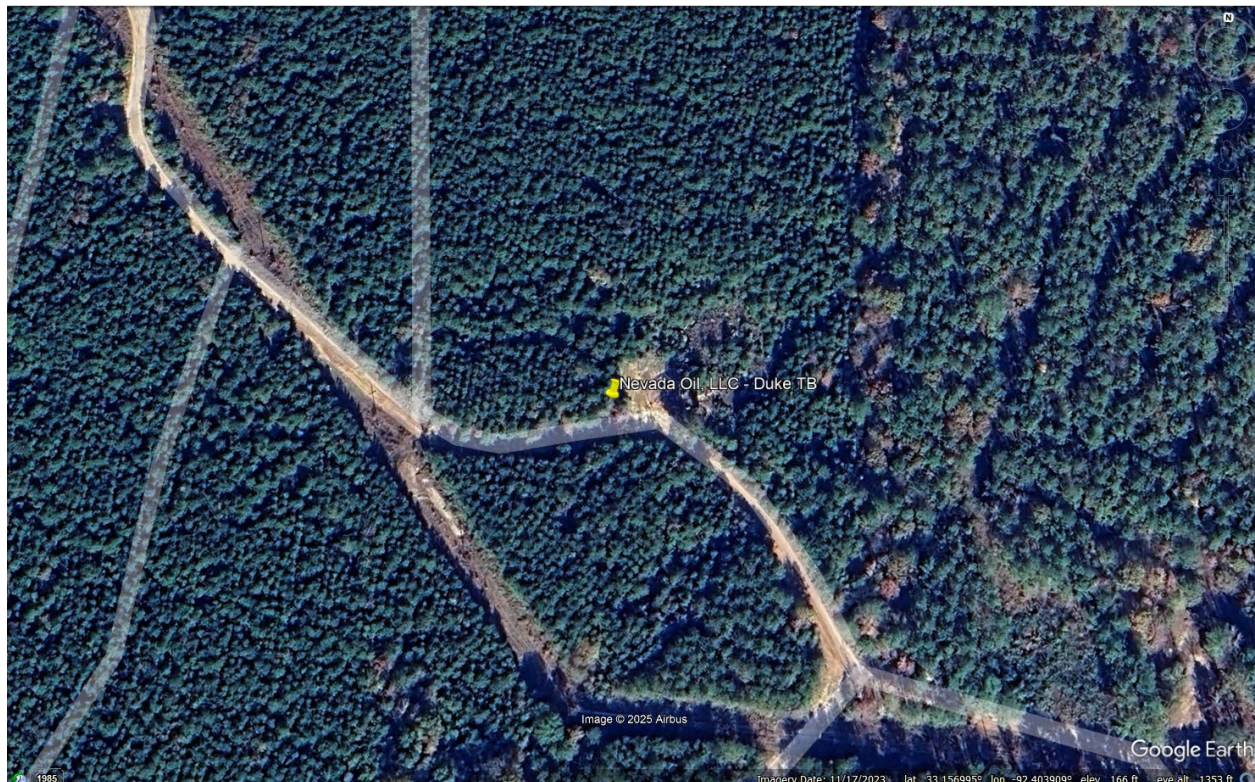
Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspectors Kerri McCabe (lead), Michael Blaha, and Uma Lad arrived at the Nevada Oil, LLC / Duke Tank Battery (“facility”) located from State Highway 82 E, left on Old Strong Highway (Union County Road 39), right on Sandy Bend Road, and then right onto an oilfield lease road at 33.156967, -92.404000 in Strong (Sandy Bend Community), Union County, Arkansas; at 1745 on 04/17/2025 for an unannounced inspection. No facility representatives were 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. There were no other federal, state, or local agency representatives present at the time of the inspection.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

EPA conducted an inspection on the Nevada Oil, LLC / Duke Tank Battery facility, which contains one (1) tank for crude oil storage and one separator/heater treater. No drainpipe was observed for the tank battery.



Map 1. Aerial imagery (Google Earth dated 11/17/2023) of the Nevada Oil, LLC / Duke Battery facility.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

I observed the facility signage, secondary containment, pipes and valves, storage tank, and the separator/heater treater; see Appendix 1 (Photographs Log), Photos No. 1 and No. 2. For additional GPS location and photo metadata, see Appendix 1.

I observed the heater treater, a tote tank used for oil skimming, and accumulated stormwater with iron staining and minor sheening inside the secondary containment, see Photos No. 3 and No. 4.

I observed dirt work inside secondary containment and along the berm, see Photo No. 5.

I observed residual, loose crude oil inside secondary containment, see Photo No. 6.

I observed a new coupling used to repair a flowline at the crude oil storage tank, see Photo No. 7.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No closing conference was held due to no personnel with Nevada Oil, LLC being present during the inspection. Areas of concern at the time of the inspection include the following:

- No updated contact information for the facility (Photo No. 1), and
- Residual, loose crude oil inside the secondary containment (Photo No. 6).

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 – 7 photos taken 04/17/2025.

Appendix 1

Photograph Log 7 Photos



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: From Strong (Sandy Bend Community), State Hwy 82 E, left on Old Strong Hwy (Union CR 39), right on Sandy Bend Rd, and then right onto an oilfield lease road at 33.156967, -92.404000.		
City: Strong	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 100-0840

Orientation: 24° NNE

Date of Photo: 04/17/2025

Time of Photo: 1752

Latitude: 33.156967

Longitude: -92.404000

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NNE, this photo shows the former operator's contact information on one of the storage tanks. This facility is being labeled "Nevada Oil, LLC – Duke Tank Battery" for reporting purposes.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: From Strong (Sandy Bend Community), State Hwy 82 E, left on Old Strong Hwy (Union CR 39), right on Sandy Bend Rd, and then right onto an oilfield lease road at 33.156967, -92.404000.		
City: Strong	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 100-0841

Orientation: 45° NE

Date of Photo: 04/17/2025

Time of Photo: 1753

Latitude: 33.156967

Longitude: -92.404017

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NE, this photo shows an overview of the facility.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: From Strong (Sandy Bend Community), State Hwy 82 E, left on Old Strong Hwy (Union CR 39), right on Sandy Bend Rd, and then right onto an oilfield lease road at 33.156967, -92.404000.

City: Strong

County/Parish: Union

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 100-0842

Orientation: 22° NNE

Date of Photo: 04/17/2025

Time of Photo: 1753

Latitude: 33.156933

Longitude: -92.403783

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NNE, this photo shows a tote tank for skimming oil and a treater heater.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location: From Strong (Sandy Bend Community), State Hwy 82 E, left on Old Strong Hwy (Union CR 39), right on Sandy Bend Rd, and then right onto an oilfield lease road at 33.156967, -92.404000.

City: Strong

County/Parish: Union

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 100-0843

Orientation: 219° SW

Date of Photo: 04/17/2025

Time of Photo: 1754

Latitude: 33.157033

Longitude: -92.403817

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking SW, this photo shows stormwater with iron staining and a slight sheen. No drainpipe was observed for the tank battery.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 5

Location: From Strong (Sandy Bend Community), State Hwy 82 E, left on Old Strong Hwy (Union CR 39), right on Sandy Bend Rd, and then right onto an oilfield lease road at 33.156967, -92.404000.		
City: Strong	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 100-0844

Orientation: 339° NNW

Date of Photo: 04/17/2025

Time of Photo: 1754

Latitude: 33.157017

Longitude: -92.403917

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NNW, this photo shows dirt work that had occurred inside the tank battery and berm.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Location: From Strong (Sandy Bend Community), State Hwy 82 E, left on Old Strong Hwy (Union CR 39), right on Sandy Bend Rd, and then right onto an oilfield lease road at 33.156967, -92.404000.		
City: Strong	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 100-0845

Orientation: 131° SE

Date of Photo: 04/17/2025

Time of Photo: 1755

Latitude: 33.157050

Longitude: -92.403851

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking SE, this photo shows loose crude oil inside the tank battery.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Location: From Strong (Sandy Bend Community), State Hwy 82 E, left on Old Strong Hwy (Union CR 39), right on Sandy Bend Rd, and then right onto an oilfield lease road at 33.156967, -92.404000.		
City: Strong	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 100-0846

Orientation: 51° NE

Date of Photo: 04/17/2025

Time of Photo: 1755

Latitude: 33.156983

Longitude: -92.403950

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NE, this photo shows a new coupling that had been installed on a flowline for the crude oil storage tank.