

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	4/2/24	
Media Program:	Water (CWA)	
Regulatory Program(s)	Water (CWA) Brine Program (Oil & Gas inspection)	
Company Name:	Sinclair Operating Co., LLC	
Facility Name:	Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery	
Facility Physical Location:	From Highway 167 South, thence Levee Road, at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183.	
(city, state, zip code)	Calion, AR 71724	
Mailing address:	1070 Crain City Road	
(city, state, zip code)	El Dorado, AR 71730	
County/Parish:	Union County	
Facility Phone Number	870-814-7999	
Facility Contact:	James Sinclair sisinclair02@gmail.com	Person Responsible for Operation
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002241; see AOGC permit 24679	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Kerri McCabe (lead)	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 Inspector Kerri McCabe (lead) arrived at the Sinclair Operating Co., LLC / Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery, located from Highway 167 South, thence Levee Road, at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183; at 1407 on 4/2/24 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 Sinclair Operating Co., LLC / Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery, which contains one (1) oil-water separator, four (4) storage tanks, and one (1) saltwater disposal (SWD) well.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

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

I observed a transfer pipe from secondary containment with no catch bucket, see Photo No. 3.

I observed loose oil around the storage tanks inside secondary containment, see Photo No. 4.

I observed the drainpipe for secondary containment without a shutoff valve; a cap is attached to the drainpipe; see Photo No. 5 and No. 6.

I observed loose oil on the ground and in the vegetation around the SWD well onsite, see Photo No. 7 and No. 8.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No closing conference was held due to no personnel with Sinclair Operating Co., LLC being present during the inspection. Areas of concern at the time of the inspection include the transfer pipe through secondary containment with no catch bucket, loose oil around the storage tanks, the drainpipe for secondary containment with no shutoff valve, and loose oil on the ground and in vegetation around the SWD well.

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.

This report was originally emailed to John Sinclair, John Sinclair Production, LLC; based on signage at the facility and well information from <https://wellfinder.net/browse-wells>. This report has been revised to reflect the current operator.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Photograph Log – 8 photos taken 4/2/24.

Appendix 1

Photograph Log

8 Photos



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: Sinclair Operating Co., LLC – Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183		
City: Calion	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020028

Orientation: SW

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1450

Latitude: 33.266241

Longitude: -92.508189

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

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



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: Sinclair Operating Co., LLC – Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183

City: Calion

County/Parish: Union

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020029

Orientation: S

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1450

Latitude: 33.266410

Longitude: -92.508146

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

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



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: Sinclair Operating Co., LLC – Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183

City: Calion

County/Parish: Union

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020030

Orientation: W

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1451

Latitude: 33.266182

Longitude: -92.508201

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking W, this photo showed a transfer pipe through secondary containment without a catch bucket.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location: Sinclair Operating Co., LLC – Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183

City: Calion

County/Parish: Union

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020033

Orientation: S

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1453

Latitude: 33.266204

Longitude: -92.508112

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking S, this photo showed loose oil around the tank conduits inside secondary containment.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 5

Location: Sinclair Operating Co., LLC – Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183		
City: Calion	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020031

Orientation: N-NW

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1452

Latitude: 33.266075

Longitude: -92.508040

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking N-NW, this photo showed the drainpipe for secondary containment with a cap on the drainpipe.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Location: Sinclair Operating Co., LLC – Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183		
City: Calion	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020032

Orientation: E

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1452

Latitude: 33.266075

Longitude: -92.508040

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking E, this photo showed a closeup of the cap and drainpipe for secondary containment.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Location: Sinclair Operating Co., LLC – Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183		
City: Calion	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020024

Orientation: SW

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1443

Latitude: 33.266894

Longitude: -92.508103

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking SW, this photo showed the saltwater disposal (SWD) well for the facility.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 8

Location: Sinclair Operating Co., LLC – Crain 6 SWD Tank Battery at the intersection of Crain City Rd and Crain City Oil Field Rd at 33.266117, -92.508183		
City: Calion	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020025

Orientation: SW

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1443

Latitude: 33.266887

Longitude: -92.507948

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking SW, this photo showed a release from the SWD well with staining on the ground and dead vegetation.