



Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	03/15/2024	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	Clean Water Act	
Company Name:	ArklaTx Operating Company, Inc.	
Facility Name:	SWWS #3 – Flenniken A-12 SWD	
Facility Physical Location:	Latitude: 33.3557, Longitude: -92.6773	
(city, state, zip code)	Norphlet, AR, 71759	
Mailing address:	706 Ouachita Road 72	
(city, state, zip code)	Smackover, AR 71762	
County/Parish:	Union County	
Facility Phone Number	870-725-3666	
Facility Contact:	Larry L. Oswald rvbauman@yahoo.com	
FRS Number:	NA	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002239	
Media Identifier Number:	NA	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Uma Lad	EPA/Region 6 ECDW	Enforcement Officer/Inspector
Kerri McCabe	EPA/Region 6 ECDW	Enforcement Officer/Inspector
Michael Blaha	EPA/Region 6 ECDW	Enforcement Officer/Inspector
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	UMA LAD  Digitally signed by UMA LAD Date: 2024.04.09 15:55:53 -05'00'	
	Uma Lad	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date	JEANNE ECKHART  Digitally signed by JEANNE ECKHART Date: 2024.04.09 16:17:22 -05'00'	
	Jeanne Eckhart	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspectors Michael Blaha, Kerri McCabe, and I, Uma Lad, arrived at ArklaTx Operating Company, Inc., SWWS #3 – Flenniken A-12 SWD, located off a lease road near Gas Plant Road (33.3558, -92.6773) at 11:10 AM on March 15, 2024, 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 Arklatx Operating Company, Inc, SWWS #3 – Flenniken A-12 SWD, which consists of one (1) storage tank and one (1) injection well for saltwater disposal.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

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

I observed oil staining inside secondary containment, see photo No. 2. I also observed fluid leaking from the motor that is connected to the injection well, see photo No. 3.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No closing conference was held due to no ArklaTx Operating Company, Inc. staff being present during the inspection. Areas of concern at the time of the inspection include the oil staining within secondary containment and the leaking motor.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

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

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Photo Log – 3 photos taken on 03/15/2024

Appendix 1

Photograph Log

3 Photos



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: 33.3557, -92.6773		
City: Norphlet	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas

**Photo File Name:** R0010438**Orientation:** SE**Date of Photo:** 03/15/2024**Time of Photo:** 11:17 AM**Latitude:** 33.3557**Longitude:** -92.6773**Photographer:** Uma Lad**Description:** This photo was taken looking southeast and shows the facility sign.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: 33.3557, -92.6773		
City: Norphlet	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas

**Photo File Name:** R0010439**Orientation:** E**Date of Photo:** 03/15/2024**Time of Photo:** 11:18 AM**Latitude:** 33.3557**Longitude:** -92.6774**Photographer:** Uma Lad**Description:** This photo was taken looking east and shows an overview of the facility and oil staining inside secondary containment.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: 33.3557, -92.6773		
City: Norphlet	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas

**Photo File Name:** R0010440**Orientation:** WSW**Date of Photo:** 03/15/2024**Time of Photo:** 11:19 AM**Latitude:** 33.3558**Longitude:** -92.6772**Photographer:** Uma Lad**Description:** This photo was taken looking west-southwest and shows a leak from the motor connected to the injection well.