

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT**

BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: Wamsutter SWD COWDF

Facility Location: 41.653147, -107.897980

RCRA ID: WYR000213009

Facility Contact: Nick Hines, 713-307-8702,
nhines@pilotwater.com

Notification Status: Non-notifier

Date of Inspection: May 15, 2023

Arrival Time: 2:13 p.m.

Departure Time: 2:42 p.m.

Lead Inspector: Annette Maxwell, U.S. EPA

Other Attendees:

1. Dennis Lamb, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ)
2. Christy Hutchinson, WDEQ

Type and Purpose of Inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection

Facility Type: Commercial Oilfield Waste Disposal Facility

Applicable Statute to Inspection: RCRA Section 7003

Inspection Type: Unannounced Inspection

Joint: U.S. EPA, Wyoming DEQ

FACILITY INFORMATION

Operator: OWL SWD Operating, LLC

General Facility and Process Description: The OWL Wamsutter facility is a commercial oilfield waste disposal facility (COWDF) that receives non-hazardous, RCRA Subtitle C-exempt E&P oilfield waste for storage, handling and disposal. The facility has been issued a permit to operate a COWDF by WDEQ. The facility includes three evaporation ponds, a netted slop/skim pit and storage tanks.

TOUR INFORMATION

No opening conference was held because no facility representatives were present at the time of the inspection. The facility gate was open upon our arrival.

Areas of the facility toured:

- Offload area
- Slop/skim pit

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- Evaporation ponds
- Tank storage

Data Collected and Observations: During the inspection, I observed that the netting over the slop/skim pit was degraded and in need of repair and was sagging into the oil (see Attachment 1 – Photo Log). The sides of the netting appeared to be in good condition as it was reinforced with chicken wire.

I did not observe oil on the surface of the evaporation ponds or spills in areas of the facility that were observed. No bird or other wildlife mortalities were observed in any areas of the facility that were inspected.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

No closing conference was conducted on-site because no facility representatives were present at the time of the inspection

SIGNATURE

Lead Inspector: _____
Annette Maxwell, RCRA Inspector

Supervisor: _____
Janice A. Pearson, Manager
RCRA & OPA Enforcement Branch
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

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ATTACHMENT 1 – PHOTO LOG

Photographer: Annette Maxwell
Camera Model and ID: Nikon Coolpix, B00228

Photo 2000: DSCN2000.jpg – photo of stretched and sagging netting over the top of the slop/skim pit. No holes or gapping were evident at ground level, which was reinforced by chicken wire. Photo taken from the east side of the slop/skim pit, facing southwest.



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Photo 2001: DSCN2001.jpg – photo of the same area shown in photo 2000, panned right.



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Photo 2002: DSCN2002.jpg – photo of the same area shown in photos 2000 and 2001, panned right.



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Photo 2003: DSCN2003.jpg – photo of the slop/skim pit, taken from the north side facing southeast.



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Photo 2004: DSCN2004.jpg – photo of the same area as that shown in photo 2003, panned right.



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Photo 2005: DSCN2005.jpg – photo of the same area as that shown in photos 2003 and 2004, panned right.

