

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

BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: Sweetwater Disposal

Facility Location: 41.614180, -107.990077

RCRA ID: WYR000203992

Mailing Address: PO Box 2290,
Gillette, WY 82717

Notification Status: Non-notifier

Facility Contact: Craig Rodgers,
307-682-4051

Date of Inspection: May 15, 2023

Arrival Time: 12:25 p.m.

Departure Time: 12:42 p.m.

Lead Inspector: Annette Maxwell, U.S. EPA

Other Attendees:

1. Dennis Lamb, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ)
2. Christy Hutchinson, WDEQ
3. Robby Maestas, Jim's Water Service

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

Company Ownership: Jim's Water Service

General Facility and Process Description: The Sweetwater Disposal 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 four evaporation ponds, storage tanks and a tanker truck offload area.

TOUR INFORMATION

Upon arrival at the facility, an opening conference was conducted with Mr. Maestas, followed by a walk-through of the facility.

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Areas of the facility toured:

- Evaporation ponds
- Tank storage
- Tanker offload area

Data Collected and Observations: During the inspection, I observed that oil was visible on approximately 40% of the surface of pond 1 located north of the tank battery (see Attachment 1 – Photo Log). No oil was observed on the other evaporation ponds, and no spills were observed in the tank battery area. No bird or other wildlife mortalities were observed in any areas of the facility that were inspected.

Oily waste that is not promptly removed from evaporation ponds or that is not otherwise physically restricted from access by birds and other wildlife is a concern because of the potential for injury or mortality.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

A closing conference was conducted with Mr. Maestas indicating concern regarding the oil on the surface of pond 1. Mr. Maestas stated that he would work on getting the oil removed.

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 1997: DSCN1997.jpg – photo of pond 1 facing southwest.



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Photo 1998: DSCN1998.jpg – photo of the same area as that shown in photo 1997, panned right. Oil on the surface of the pond is visible to the right in the photo.



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Photo 1999: DSCN1999.jpg – photo of the same area as that shown in photos 1997 and 1996, panned right.

