

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	03/19/2025	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	Clean Water Act-National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (Brine)	
Company Name:	Novy Oil and Gas Inc.	
Facility Name:	Osage B Lease	
Facility Physical Location:	Latitude: 36.827134, Longitude: -96.491858	
(city, state, zip code)	Foraker, OK, 74652	
Mailing address:	PO BOX 599	
(city, state, zip code)	Goddard, KS, 76052	
County/Parish:	Osage County, OK	
Facility Phone Number	918-798-4510	
Facility Contact:	Mike Novy	Owner
	novyoil@aol.com	
FRS Number:	n/a	
Identification/Permit Number:	OKU002215	
Media Identifier Number:	n/a	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Matthew Allen	EPA/Region 6 ECDW	Inspector
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	Matthew Allen	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Jeanne Eckhart	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 Inspector, Matthew Allen, arrived at the Novy Oil and Gas Inc. - Osage B Lease (EPA ID No. OKU002215) at 12:30 PM on 03/19/2025 for a site inspection in response to a spill report (NRC# 1425770) and possible unauthorized injection complaint. The inspection was conducted by the authority of the Clean Water Act (CWA) to determine compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. There was no other federal, state, or local agency representative present at the time of the inspection.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

EPA conducted an inspection at the Novy Oil and Gas Inc., B Lease, where a 3" poly line ruptured, releasing a company estimated 75 barrels of saltwater and .75 barrels of crude oil to the land surface. The spill fluids migrated down a drainage feature into a nearby stock pond. The operator installed a 3" PVC line from the edge of the stock pond to a nearby, temporarily abandoned oil well. At the time of the inspection, the line was not connected to the pond or the oil well.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

I observed a temporarily abandoned oil well with a 3" PVC line beginning approximately 3 feet from the well, extending southeast toward the impacted stock pond. See photo No. 1. For additional GPS location information and photo metadata, please see Appendix 1 (photo log) attached to this report.

From the well location, looking to the SSE, I observed the PVC line which had been installed between the well and the impacted stock pond. See photo No. 2.

I observed the end of the PVC line near the stock pond. At the time of the inspection, the line was not connected to the pond or a pump. There was no evidence the line had been put into service. See photo No. 3.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

The primary area of concern was the possible use of the temporarily abandoned oil well for underground injection.

Additional areas of concern included containment and timely removal of impacted waters from the stock pond to prevent downstream migration of impacted waters into North Bird Creek.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

EPA inspector contacted Mike Novy with Novy Oil and Gas Inc. via phone call to explain the temporarily abandoned oil well could not be used to inject/dispose brine/oil impacted pond water, only permitted or authorized injection wells are suitable for underground injection. EPA inspector explained the impacted water in the stock pond should be contained and removed to prevent downstream migration into North Bird Creek.

EPA inspector will conduct follow-up calls, field meetings and inspections to ensure the impacted area is returned to “pre spill” condition.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Photo Log – 3 photos taken 3/19/2025

Appendix 1

Photograph Log 3 Photos



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: 36.827134, -96.491858		
City: Foraker	County/Parish: Osage	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010619

Orientation: W

Date of Photo: 3/19/2025

Time of Photo: 12:31PM

Latitude: 36.827134

Longitude: -96.491858

Photographer: Matthew Allen

Description: This was an unidentified, temporarily abandoned oil well referenced in the complaint as the possible site for unauthorized injection of impacted waters from the nearby oil/brine spill.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: 36.827134, -96.491858		
City: Foraker	County/Parish: Osage	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010620

Orientation: SSE

Date of Photo: 3/19/2025

Time of Photo: 12:23PM

Latitude: 36.827134

Longitude: -96.491858

Photographer: Matthew Allen

Description: This was a view from the temporarily abandoned well to the SSE, toward the stock pond which was impacted by the recent brine spill. The PVC line extended from the temporarily abandoned well to the pond, but the line was not connected to the well and there was no evidence the line had been connected to the well.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: 36.827134, -96.491858		
City: Foraker	County/Parish: Osage	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010621

Orientation: ESE

Date of Photo: 3/19/2025

Time of Photo: 12:32PM

Latitude: 36.826817

Longitude: -96.491797

Photographer: Matthew Allen

Description: This was the end of the PVC line which extended to the nearby oil well. The line terminated approximately 20 feet from the impacted stock pond. At the time of the inspection the well and pond were not connected via the PVC line.