

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date:	01/12/2026	
Media Program:	Water (CWA)	
Regulatory Program:	Water (CWA) Brine Program (Oil & Gas inspection)	
Company Name:	Cypress Operating, Inc.	
Facility Name:	Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery	
Facility Physical Location:	From Fouke, Interstate 49 S, State Highway 71, left on Miller CR 24, right on Miller CR 415, and right on lease road at 33.25785, -93.95216.	
(city, state, zip code)	Fouke, AR 71837	
Mailing address:	330 Marshall Street, Suite 930	
(city, state, zip code)	Shreveport, LA 71101	
County/Parish:	Miller County	
Facility Phone Number:	318-424-2031 ext. 108	
Facility Contact:	Austin Mathias Austin@cypressop.com	Person Responsible for Operation
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002353	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Kerri McCabe (lead)	EPA / Region 6 ECDW	Inspector / Enforcement Officer
Uma Lad	EPA / Region 6 ECDW	Inspector / Enforcement Officer
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	Kerri McCabe	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Jeanne Eckhart	Date

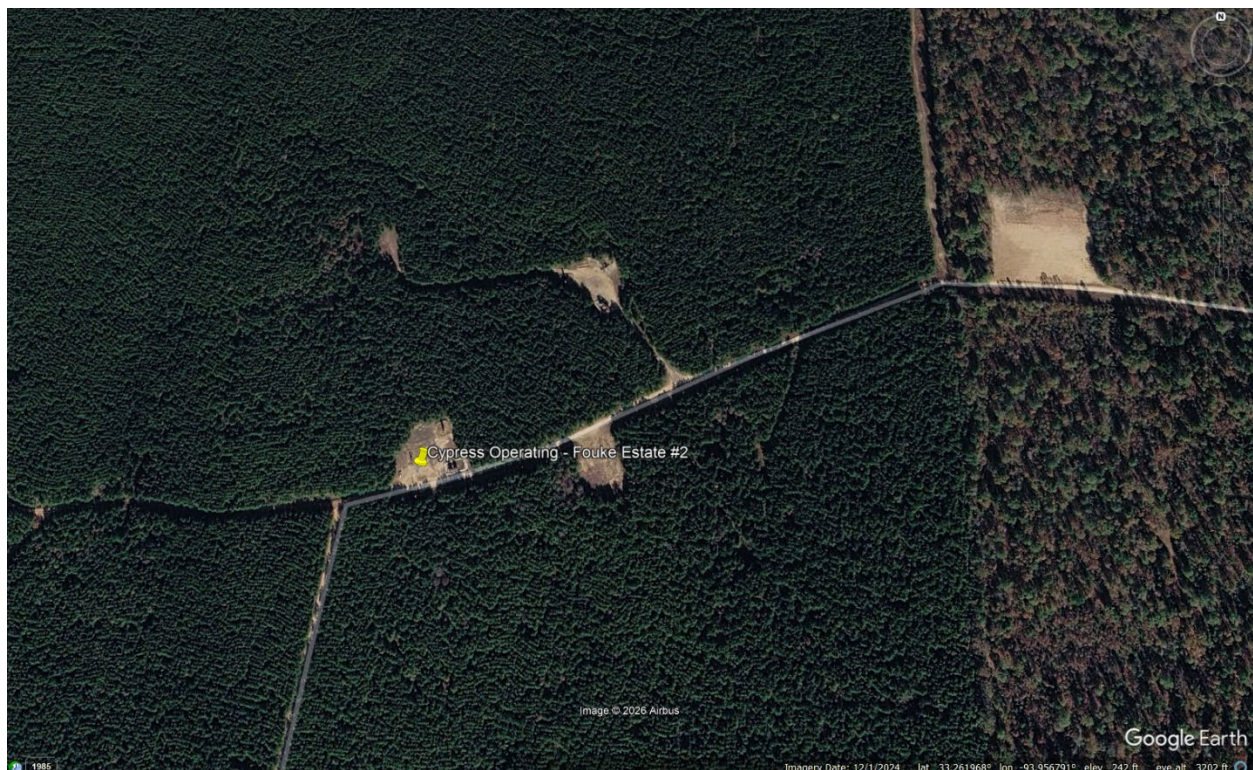
Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspectors Kerri McCabe (lead) and Uma Lad arrived at the Cypress Operating, Inc. / Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery ("facility") located from Interstate 49 S, State Highway 71, left on Miller CR 24, right on Miller CR 415, and right on lease road at 33.25785, -93.95216 in Fouke, Miller County, Arkansas; at 1345 on 01/12/2026 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 Cypress Operating, Inc. / Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery facility, which contained two (2) tank batteries with three (3) tanks for crude oil and saltwater separation and storage and one (1) active production well.



Map 1. Aerial imagery (Google Earth dated 12/01/2024) of the Cypress Operating, Inc. / Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery facility.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

I observed the facility signage and an overview of the facility; see Appendix 1 (Photographs Log), Photos No. 1 and No. 2. For additional GPS location and photo metadata, see Appendix 1.

I observed the loading lines outside the oil storage tank battery with catchment buckets, see Photos No. 3 and No. 4.

I observed the interior of the oil storage tank battery (front view), see Photo No. 4.

I observed the drainpipe for the oil storage tank battery with a valve and closed cap, see Photo No. 5.

I observed a separator inside a separate tank battery, see Photo No. 6.

I observed the drainpipe for the separator tank battery with a valve and closed cap, see Photo No. 7.

I observed a low area in the containment berm for the separator tank battery, see Photo No. 8.

I observed an active production well at the facility, see Photo No. 9.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No closing conference was held due to no personnel with Cypress Operating, Inc. being present during the inspection. The area of concern at the time of the inspection was:

- A low area in the containment berm for the separator tank battery, 40 CFR 112.9(c)(2) (Photo No. 8).

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.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Photograph Log – 9 photos taken on 01/12/2026.

Appendix 1

Photograph Log

9 Photos



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Facility/Location:		Cypress Operating, Inc. Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery						
City:	Fouke	County:	Miller County	State:	AR	Direction:	N	
Filename:	R0011133.JPG	Photo Date:		01/12/2026		Time:	13:48:27	
Photographer:	Kerri McCabe			Witness Name:		Uma Lad		



Description:	Looking N, this photo shows the signage for the Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery ("facility").		
Latitude:	33°15'28.224" N	Longitude:	93°57'6.63" W



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Facility/Location:		Cypress Operating, Inc. Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery						
City:	Fouke	County:	Miller County	State:	AR	Direction:	NW	
Filename:	R0011134.JPG	Photo Date:		01/12/2026		Time:	13:49:18	
Photographer:	Kerri McCabe			Witness Name:		Uma Lad		



Description:	Looking NW, this photo shows an overview of the facility.		
Latitude:	33°15'28.146" N	Longitude:	93°57'6.804" W



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Facility/Location:		Cypress Operating, Inc. Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery						
City:	Fouke	County:	Miller County	State:	AR	Direction:	ESE	
Filename:	R0011135.JPG	Photo Date:		01/12/2026		Time:	13:48:56	
Photographer:	Kerri McCabe			Witness Name:		Uma Lad		



Description:	Looking ESE, this photo shows the exterior of the facility (front view).		
Latitude:	33°15'28.14" N	Longitude:	93°57'6.084" W



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Facility/Location:		Cypress Operating, Inc. Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery						
City:	Fouke	County:	Miller County	State:	AR	Direction:	ENE	
Filename:	R0011136.JPG	Photo Date:		01/12/2026		Time:	13:49:24	
Photographer:	Kerri McCabe			Witness Name:		Uma Lad		



Description:	Looking ENE, this photo shows the interior of the tank battery (front view).		
Latitude:	33°15'28.2" N	Longitude:	93°57'6.744" W



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 5

Facility/Location:		Cypress Operating, Inc. Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery						
City:	Fouke	County:	Miller County	State:	AR	Direction:	NNE	
Filename:	R0011140.JPG	Photo Date:		01/12/2026		Time:	13:51:07	
Photographer:	Kerri McCabe			Witness Name:		Uma Lad		



Description:	Looking NNE, this photo shows the drainpipe for the containment berm.		
Latitude:	33°15'29.184" N	Longitude:	93°57'7.086" W



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Facility/Location:		Cypress Operating, Inc. Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery						
City:	Fouke	County:	Miller County	State:	AR	Direction:	SSW	
Filename:	R0011141.JPG	Photo Date:		01/12/2026		Time:	13:52:09	
Photographer:	Kerri McCabe			Witness Name:		Uma Lad		



Description:	Looking SSW, this photo shows an anchored separator inside containment.		
Latitude:	33°15'28.482" N	Longitude:	93°57'7.746" W



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Facility/Location:		Cypress Operating, Inc. Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery						
City:	Fouke	County:	Miller County	State:	AR	Direction:	N	
Filename:	R0011142.JPG	Photo Date:		01/12/2026		Time:	13:51:30	
Photographer:	Kerri McCabe			Witness Name:		Uma Lad		



Description:	Looking N, this photo shows the drainpipe for the separator tank battery.		
Latitude:	33°15'29.376" N	Longitude:	93°57'7.146" W



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 8

Facility/Location:		Cypress Operating, Inc. Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery						
City:	Fouke	County:	Miller County	State:	AR	Direction:	N	
Filename:	R0011143.JPG	Photo Date:		01/12/2026		Time:	13:51:14	
Photographer:	Kerri McCabe			Witness Name:		Uma Lad		



Description:	Looking N, this photo shows a low area in the separator containment berm.		
Latitude:	33°15'29.22" N	Longitude:	93°57'7.152" W



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 9

Facility/Location:		Cypress Operating, Inc. Fouke Estate #2 Tank Battery						
City:	Fouke	County:	Miller County	State:	AR	Direction:	W	
Filename:	R0011144.JPG	Photo Date:		01/12/2026		Time:	13:52:09	
Photographer:	Kerri McCabe			Witness Name:		Uma Lad		



Description:	Looking W, this photo shows an active well located at the facility.		
Latitude:	33°15'28.482" N	Longitude:	93°57'7.746" W