

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	3/4/2025	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	Clean Water Act	
Company Name:	Red Oak Operating, LLC	
Facility Name:	Minter A Tank Battery	
Facility Physical Location:	Latitude: 33.394875 Longitude: -93.463686	
(city, state, zip code)	Buckner, AR, 71827	
Mailing address:	1997 Col. 34	
(city, state, zip code)	Magnolia, AR 71753	
County/Parish:	Lafayette County	
Facility Phone Number	870-310-4254	
Facility Contact:	Mark C. Thomas markdonnat@gmail.com	
FRS Number:	NA	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002296	
Media Identifier Number:	NA	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Michael Blaha (lead)	EPA/Region 6 ECDW	Enforcement Officer/Inspector
Kerri McCabe	EPA/Region 6 ECDW	Enforcement Officer/Inspector
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	Michael Blaha	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Jeanne Eckhart	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspectors Michael Blaha and Kerri McCabe arrived at Red Oak Operating, LLC – Minter A Tank Battery, located off a County Road 41 (33.394875, -93.463686) at 10:15 AM on March 4, 2025, 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 Red Oak Operating, LLC – Minter A Tank Battery, which consists of two (2) separators, and three (3) storage tanks.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

I observed the facility sign, secondary containment, pipes, valves, and storage tanks 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 a Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) reading of 43.7 mg/L from the secondary containment discharge pipe outside of secondary containment, see photo No. 3.

All TDS field readings observed throughout the inspection were taken with a properly calibrated, EPA issued, YSI pro 30 conductivity meter.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No closing conference was held due to no Red Oak Operating, LLC staff being present during the inspection. Areas of concern at the time of the inspection include one of the separators was out of service but was not marked out of service with a date and the load lines outside of secondary containment were missing catchment buckets.

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 3/4/2025

Appendix 1

Photograph Log

3 Photos



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: 33.394875, -93.463686		
City: Buckner	County/Parish: Lafayette	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 20250304_162917957_iOS

Orientation: E

Date of Photo: 3/4/2025

Time of Photo: 10:29 AM

Latitude: 33.394875

Longitude: -93.463686

Photographer: Michael Blaha

Description: This photo was taken looking south and shows the facility sign.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: 33.394875, -93.463686		
City: Buckner	County/Parish: Lafayette	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 20250304_163041377_iOS

Orientation: SW

Date of Photo: 3/4/2025

Time of Photo: 10:30 AM

Latitude: 33.395016

Longitude: -93.463639

Photographer: Michael Blaha

Description: This photo was taken looking southwest and shows an overview of the facility. This photo also shows the missing catchment buckets for the load lines.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: 33.394875, -93.463686		
City: Buckner	County/Parish: Lafayette	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: 20250304_163221140_iOS

Orientation: NA

Date of Photo: 3/4/2025

Time of Photo: 10:32 AM

Latitude: 33.394761

Longitude: -93.463508

Photographer: Michael Blaha

Description: This photo was taken showing the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) reading of 43.7 mg/L at the discharge point from the secondary containment drainage pipe.