

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	4/2/24	
Media Program:	Water (CWA)	
Regulatory Program(s)	Water (CWA) Brine Program (Oil & Gas inspection)	
Company Name:	Owen Drilling Company, Inc.	
Facility Name:	International Paper Co. "B" 1 Tank Battery	
Facility Physical Location:	From Highway 167 South, thence Calhoun County Rd 27, off Oil Field Rd at 33.450494, -92.485694.	
(city, state, zip code)	Hampton, AR 71744	
Mailing address:	124 S. Jackson, Ste. 305	
(city, state, zip code)	Magnolia, AR 71753	
County/Parish:	Calhoun County	
Facility Phone Number	870-234-6300	
Facility Contact:	Tina Lingenfelter (870-949-0465)	Person Responsible for Operation
	joeowen6300@yahoo.com	
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002240	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Kerri McCabe (lead)	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 Inspector Kerri McCabe (lead) arrived at the Owen Drilling Company, Inc. / International Paper Co. "B" 1 Tank Battery, located from Highway 167 South, thence Calhoun County Road 27, off Oil Field Road at 33.450494, -92.485694; at 1255 on 4/2/24 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 Owen Drilling Company, Inc. / International Paper Co. "B" 1 Tank Battery, which contains one (1) oil-water separator, one (1) storage tank, one (1) temporary storage tanks, and one (1) crude oil production well.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

I observed the facility sign, secondary containment, oil-water separator, pipes and valves, storage tanks, and the production well located at the facility; see Appendix 1 (Photograph Log), Photo No. 1 and No. 2. For additional GPS location and photo metadata, see Appendix 1.

I observed a transfer pipe from secondary containment with no catch bucket, see Photo No. 3.

I observed loose oil around the production well onsite, Photo No. 4 and No. 5.

I observed the drainpipe for secondary containment without a shutoff valve, cap, or sump pump installed for the drainpipe; I noted sheen on the ground outside secondary containment, see Photo No. 6 and No. 7.

I observed a low area in the secondary containment (firewall) berm, see Photo No. 8.

For the storage tank, I observed an active leak from a valve; see Photo No. 9 and No. 10.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No closing conference was held due to no personnel with Owen Drilling Company, Inc. being present during the inspection. Areas of concern at the time of the inspection include the transfer pipe through secondary containment with no catch bucket, loose oil around the production well, the drainpipe for secondary containment with no shutoff valve or cap, a low area in the firewall berm, and an active leak from a valve for the storage tank.

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 – 10 photos taken 4/2/24.

Appendix 1

Photograph Log

10 Photos



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)		
City: Hampton	County/Parish: Calhoun	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020003

Orientation: NNE

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1325

Latitude: 33.450425

Longitude: -92.485720

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NNE, this photo showed the signage at the facility.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)		
City: Hampton	County/Parish: Calhoun	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020004

Orientation: NNW

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1325

Latitude: 33.450398

Longitude: -92.485706

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NNW, this photo showed an overview of the facility.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)		
City: Hampton	County/Parish: Calhoun	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020005

Orientation: NNW

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1325

Latitude: 33.450425

Longitude: -92.485718

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NNW, this photo showed a transfer pipe through secondary containment without a catch bucket.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)

City: Hampton

County/Parish: Calhoun

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020010

Orientation: SE

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1326

Latitude: 33.450602

Longitude: -92.485483

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking SE, this photo showed loose oil in stormwater from the production wellhead onsite.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 5

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)		
City: Hampton	County/Parish: Calhoun	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020011

Orientation: SE

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1326

Latitude: 33.450621

Longitude: -92.485417

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking SE, this photo showed loose oil around the production wellhead onsite.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)		
City: Hampton	County/Parish: Calhoun	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020016

Orientation: NW

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1328

Latitude: 33.450397

Longitude: -92.485633

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NW, this photo showed the open drainpipe for secondary containment without a shutoff valve or cap and oil sheen on the ground.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)		
City: Hampton	County/Parish: Calhoun	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020017

Orientation: NW

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1328

Latitude: 33.450397

Longitude: -92.485633

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking NW, this photo showed the inside of secondary containment at the drainpipe with residual oil inside the firewall (secondary containment).



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 8

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)		
City: Hampton	County/Parish: Calhoun	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020019

Orientation: S-E

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1329

Latitude: 33.450439

Longitude: -92.485629

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking S-E, this photo showed a low area in the secondary containment with loose oil visible inside the firewall.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 9

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)		
City: Hampton	County/Parish: Calhoun	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020020

Orientation: ENE

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1330

Latitude: 33.450435

Longitude: -92.485671

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking ENE, this photo showed an active leak at a valve and loose oil inside the secondary containment.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 10

Location: Owen Drilling Co., Inc. – IPC #B-1 Tank Battery from Calhoun County Rd 27 off Oil Field Rd (33.454923, -92.486392)

City: Hampton

County/Parish: Calhoun

State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: P4020021

Orientation: E

Date of Photo: 04/02/2024

Time of Photo: 1330

Latitude: 33.450435

Longitude: -92.485671

Photographer: Kerri McCabe

Description: Looking E, this photo showed a closeup of the active leak at a valve inside the secondary containment.