

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	12/10/2024	
Media Program:	Water (CWA)	
Regulatory Program(s)	Water (CWA) Brine Program (Oil & Gas inspection)	
Company Name:	Merit Energy Company, LLC	
Facility Name:	Osbourne A 1-21	
Facility Physical Location:	Off South Highway 59 at 35.36022, -94.29932	
(city, state, zip code)	Van Buren, AR 72956	
Mailing address:	13727 Noel Road, Ste. 1200	
(city, state, zip code)	Dallas, TX 75240	
County/Parish:	Crawford County	
Facility Phone Number	972-628-1559	
Facility Contact:	Clay Munger (501-368-4704)	Operations Manager
	chris.heavner@meritenergy.com	
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002272	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Uma Lad	EPA / Region 6 ECDW	Inspector / Enforcement Officer
Kerri McCabe	EPA / Region 6 ECDW	Inspector / Enforcement Officer
Michael Blaha	EPA / Region 6 ECDW	Inspector / Enforcement Officer
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	Uma Lad	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Jeanne Eckhart	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspectors Uma Lad, Kerri McCabe, and Michael Blaha arrived at the Merit Energy Company, LLC / Osborne A 1-21 (“facility”), located off South Highway 59 at 35.36022, -94.29932, at 2:50 PM on December 10, 2024 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 Merit Energy Company, LLC / Osborne A 1-21, which consists of one (1) storage tank for produced water, one (1) separator, and one (1) well.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

I observed the facility and associated signage and secondary containment with storage tanks; see Appendix 1 (Photograph Log), Photo No. 1 and No. 2. For additional GPS location and photo metadata, see Appendix 1.

While the facility sign was observed off South Highway 59, there was no sign observed at the facility.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No closing conference was held due to no personnel from Merit Energy Company, LLC present during the inspection. The only area of concern was the absence of a sign at the facility.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

Inspector will provide the completed inspection report to company representative(s).

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Photograph Log – 2 photos taken 12/10/2024.

Appendix 1

Photograph Log

2 Photos



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: Off South Highway 59 at 35.36022, -94.29932		
City: Van Buren	County/Parish: Crawford	State: AR



Photo File Name: IMG_0015

Orientation: E

Date of Photo: 12/10/2024

Time of Photo: 2:53 PM

Latitude: 35.360202

Longitude: -94.299325

Photographer: Michael Blaha

Description: Looking east, this photo shows an overview of the facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: Off South Highway 59 at 35.36022, -94.29932		
City: Van Buren	County/Parish: Crawford	State: AR



Photo File Name: IMG_0016

Orientation: SE

Date of Photo: 12/10/2024

Time of Photo: 3:00 PM

Latitude: 35.36288

Longitude: -94.30449

Photographer: Uma Lad

Description: Looking southeast, this photo shows the sign of the facility.