

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	3/15/2024	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	Clean Water Act	
Company Name:	Arklatex Operating Company, Inc.	
Facility Name:	Flenniken A. Lease Tank Battery	
Facility Physical Location:	Latitude: 33.3556, Longitude: -92.67743	
(city, state, zip code)	El Dorado, AR, 71730	
Mailing address:	706 Ouachita Road 72	
(city, state, zip code)	Smackover, Arkansas, 71762	
County/Parish:	Union County	
Facility Phone Number	870-725-3666	
Facility Contact:	Larry L. Oswald	
	rvbauman@yahoo.com	
FRS Number:	NA	
Identification/Permit Number:	ARU002224	
Media Identifier Number:	NA	
NAICS:	211111	
SIC:	1311	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Michael Blaha	EPA/Region 6 ECDW	Enforcement Officer/Inspector
Uma Lad	EPA/Region 6 ECDW	Enforcement Officer/Inspector
Kerri McCabe	EPA/Region 6 ECDW	Enforcement Officer/Inspector
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	MICHAEL BLAHA Digitally signed by MICHAEL BLAHA Date: 2024.03.25 14:28:05 -05'00'	
	Michael Blaha	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Enoch Johnbull (acting)	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspectors Michael Blaha, Uma Lad, and Kerri McCabe arrived at Arklatx Operating Company, Inc., Flenniken A. lease tank battery, located off Gas Plant Road (33.3556, -92.67743) at 11:20 AM on 3/15/2024 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 Arklatx Operating Company, Inc., Flenniken A. Lease Tank Battery which contained an oil separator and two tanks.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

I observed the facility sign, secondary containment, oil separators, pipes, and tanks located at the facility, see Appendix 1 (photo log), photo No. 1. For additional GPS location and photo metadata, see Appendix 1.

I observed the standing water within secondary containment with oil sheen on the water, see photo No. 2.

I observed the secondary containment's rainwater discharge/drain valve, which had a leak near the connection of the valve and pipe, see photo No. 3.

I observed vegetation growing into the secondary containment berm, see photo No. 4.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No closing conference was held due to no Arklatx Operating Company, Inc. staff being present during the inspection. Areas of concern at the time of the inspection include the leaking secondary containment valve, oil sheen on the water inside the secondary containment and the vegetation growing into the secondary containment berm.

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 – 4 photos taken 3/15/2024

Appendix 1

Photograph Log

4 Photos



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: 33.3556, -92.67743		
City: El Dorado	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010441

Orientation: N

Date of Photo: 3/15/2024

Time of Photo: 11:24 AM

Latitude: 33.3556

Longitude: -92.67743

Photographer: Michael Blaha

Description: This photo was taken looking N at the facility showing the facility sign.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: 33.3556, -92.67743		
City: El Dorado	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010442

Orientation: SW

Date of Photo: 3/15/2024

Time of Photo: 11:25 AM

Latitude: 33.355621

Longitude: -92.677278

Photographer: Michael Blaha

Description: This photo was taken looking SW at the facility showing an overview of the facility as well as sheen on the water within secondary containment.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: 33.3556, -92.67743		
City: El Dorado	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010443

Orientation: W

Date of Photo: 3/15/2024

Time of Photo: 11:27 AM

Latitude: 33.35551

Longitude: -92.677225

Photographer: Michael Blaha

Description: This photo was taken looking W, on the back side of the facility outside of secondary containment showing the discharge pipe that was capped but leaking near the valve connection.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location: 33.3556, -92.67743		
City: El Dorado	County/Parish: Union	State: Arkansas



Photo File Name: R0010444

Orientation: SSW

Date of Photo: 3/15/2024

Time of Photo: 11:27 AM

Latitude: 33.355485

Longitude: -92.67725

Photographer: Michael Blaha

Description: This photo was taken looking SSW showing vegetation growing into the secondary containment berm.