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Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan (Supplemental Form)

This form shall be submitted to the Director for approval prior to the initiation of site investigation and remediation activities. However, this shall not preclude the Operator from taking immediate action to protect public health or safety, the environment, wildlife, or livestock.

This Form 27 describes site conditions as currently understood by the Operator; approval of this Form 27 by COGCC is based on the site conditions accurately described herein; any changes in site conditions identified during or subsequent to the performance of the approved workplan may necessitate additional investigation or remediation which shall be described on a supplemental Form 27. This Form 27 is intended to provide basic information regarding the proposed site investigation and remediation actions, but the workplan may be more fully described in attached documentation.

Refer to Rules 340, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, and 910

OPERATOR INFORMATION

Name of Operator: <u>PDC ENERGY INC</u>		Operator No: <u>69175</u>	Phone Numbers
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 15469Initial Form 27 Document #: 402371873

PURPOSE INFORMATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 901.e. Sensitive Area Determination | <input type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(5), Rule 910.b.(4): Remediation of impacted ground water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(1), Rule 905: Pit or PW vessel closure | <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 909.e.(2)A.: Notice completion of remediation in accordance with Rule 909.b. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(2), Rule 906: Spill/Release Remediation | <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 909.e.(2)B.: Closure of remediation project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(3), Rule 907.e.: Land treatment of oily waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rule 906.c.: Director request |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(4), Rule 908.g.: Centralized E&P Waste Management Facility closure | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

SITE INFORMATION

Y Multiple Facilities (in accordance with Rule 909.c.)

Facility Type: <u>NONFACILITY</u>	Facility ID: <u>475912</u>	API #: _____	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>Morales Water Well</u>		Latitude: <u>40.007119</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.798120</u>
		** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____	Longitude: _____
QtrQtr: <u>NWSE</u>	Sec: <u>32</u>	Twp: <u>1N</u>	Range: <u>66W</u>
		Meridian: _____	Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SMMost Sensitive Adjacent Land Use CroplandIs domestic water well within 1/4 mile? YesIs surface water within 1/4 mile? NoIs groundwater less than 20 feet below ground surface? Yes

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

SITE INVESTIGATION PLAN

TYPE OF WASTE:

- ☐ E&P Waste ☒ Other E&P Waste ☐ Non-E&P Waste
- ☐ Produced Water ☐ Workover Fluids _____
- ☐ Oil ☐ Tank Bottoms
- ☐ Condensate ☐ Pigging Waste
- ☐ Drilling Fluids ☐ Rig Wash
- ☐ Drill Cuttings ☐ Spent Filters
- ☐ Pit Bottoms
- ☒ Other (as described by EPA) Methane _____

DESCRIPTION OF IMPACT

Impacted?	Impacted Media	Extent of Impact	How Determined
Yes	GROUNDWATER	Ongoing investigation	Ongoing investigation

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

Description of initial action or emergency response measures take to abate, investigate, and/or remediate impacts associated with E&P Waste.

In response to a landowner request, as well as demonstration of good stewardship and to support landowner concerns in area where PDC operates, PDC retained a third-party environmental consultant, Olsson Associates, to collect a water sample at the Casias domestic water well (Permit #137465), located in Section 32, Township 1 North, and Range 66 West.

On March 11, 2020, Olsson collected a water sample from the well in accordance with COGCC Baseline Water Quality Sampling Program – Rule 318A.f. The water sample was submitted to Origins Laboratory Inc for analysis of the full COGCC baseline analytical suite.

On March 20, 2020 preliminary analytical results were returned and identify the presence of methane at a concentration of 26 milligrams per liter (mg/l). PDC notified the COGCC of the findings and forwarded the sample for further compositional and isotopic laboratory testing. Results plot on the border between microbial and thermogenic.

On March 24, 2020 the COGCC submitted a request to PDC Energy, Inc. (PDC) and Great Western Operating Company, LLC (G W), the area operators, to initiate an investigation of the occurrence of dissolved methane in a domestic water well (COGCC Complaint: 200448002; DWR Permit 137465 / Receipt 024601). The well was permitted by MaryAnn Morales and is completed / screened in the Laramie Fox Hills aquifer.

The first request of the March 24, 2020 letter from the COGCC is for area operators to submit engineering data for wells it operates within the study area. PDC operates wells on the Phelps and Eberle pads within the study area. Engineering data for these wells is attached.

PROPOSED SAMPLING PLAN

Proposed Soil Sampling

☐ Will soil samples be collected as part of this investigation? (Number, type (grab/composite), analyses, and locations of samples):

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

☒ Will groundwater samples be collected as part of this investigation? (Number, analyses, and locations of samples):

Per approval of COGCC on April 10, 2020, a phased study area water well sampling approach will be implemented. For Phase I, sixteen (16) area water wells completed / screened within the Laramie Fox Hills aquifer are proposed to be sampled. This is the same aquifer the Casias domestic water well is completed/screened within. Consent request letters to the landowners' have been sent and replies are pending. The water wells are proposed to be sampled in accordance with COGCC Baseline Water Quality Sampling Program – Rule 318A.f. Subsequent sampling phases maybe initiated depending on the results of the prior phase. A listing of the phase I wells is attached.

Proposed Surface Water Sampling

☐ Will surface water samples be collected as part of this investigation? (Number, analyses, and locations of samples):

Additional Investigative Actions

☐ Additional alternative investigative actions described in attached Site Investigation Plan (summary):

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 0
Number of soil samples exceeding 910-1
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated?
Approximate areal extent (square feet)

NA / ND

 Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)
 Highest concentration of SAR
BTEX > 910-1
Vertical Extent > 910-1 (in feet)

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 12
Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? Yes
Depth to groundwater (below ground surface, in feet) 374'
Number of groundwater monitoring wells installed 0
Number of groundwater samples exceeding 910-1 2

ND Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l)
ND Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)
ND Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l)
ND Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l)
-- Highest concentration of Methane (mg/l) 26

Surface Water

0 Number of surface water samples collected
 Number of surface water samples exceeding 910-1
If surface water is impacted, other agency notification may be required.

OTHER INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

☒ Were impacts to adjacent property or offsite impacts identified?

In addition to the well subject to the investigation water well Permit # 137465, a mixture of biogenic and thermogenic methane was detected in one well (Permit No. 268360) at a concentration of 11.6mg/l.

The area water well sampling summary report is attached to this SF27 submittal. Additionally, laboratory supplied electronic data deliverables (EDDs) for the sampling activity have been uploaded per the eform 43 process to the Colorado Oil and Gas Information System (COGIS) under Facility ID number 475912 using Olsson's operator number (200168). The data was uploaded in this manner to eliminate data submittal by PDC and GW as the investigation was conducted under a joint effort, per the requests of the COGCC.

☐ Were background samples collected as part of this site investigation?

☐ Was investigation derived waste (IDW) generated as part of this investigation?

Volume of solid waste (cubic yards) Volume of liquid waste (barrels)

☐ Is further site investigation required?

REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

Does this Supplemental Form 27A include changes to a previously approved Remedial Action Plan? No _____

SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

N/A.

REMEDICATION SUMMARY

Describe how remediation of existing impacts to soil and groundwater is to be accomplished (i.e. summarize remedial action plan). Provide a brief narrative description including: technical justification, schedule for implementation, estimated time to attain NFA status, plus plans and specifications for the selected remedial action technology.

PDC and GW (Operators) will install a methane water treatment system (System) at domestic water well Permit #137465 (Water Well). The System will be designed to treat water that is brought to the surface by the Water Well to reduce levels of methane to a target level of less than 10 mg/l.

The equipment will consist of a vent at the wellhead, a new tank equipped with an enclosed mister, a new carbon filter, and a new pressure tank. With the exception of the vent stack at the wellhead, all treatment equipment will be enclosed within a wooden shed placed directly over the existing exterior cellar. The System will be installed in accordance with professional engineer stamped drawings, using qualified contractors and a licensed electrician. Please refer to the attached Process and Instrumentation Drawing and System Enclosure Layout.

The Operators and their contractors will sample the water entering and exiting the System and perform maintenance on the System for a period of three years after the System is operational and confirmed to be treating water to less than 10 mg/L of methane. Sampling of the water entering and exiting the System will be performed with reasonable frequency to ensure proper start-up of the System, and thereafter on a quarterly schedule. All samples will be collected according to COGCC's Model Sampling and Analysis Plan - Version 2 - April 2020 and will be analyzed for dissolved gases (methane, ethane, and propane) by US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method RSK 175. Operators will provide all water sample results to the Property owners and to the COGCC on a quarterly basis.

Soil Remediation Summary

☐ In Situ

_____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)
_____ Chemical oxidation
_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
_____ Natural Attenuation
_____ Other _____

☐ Ex Situ

_____ Excavate and offsite disposal
_____ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____
_____ Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or COGCC Facility ID # _____
_____ Excavate and onsite remediation
_____ Land Treatment
_____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)
_____ Chemical oxidation
_____ Other _____

Groundwater Remediation Summary

☐ _____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)
☐ _____ Chemical oxidation
☐ _____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
☐ _____ Natural Attenuation
Yes Other Ex Situ Methane Water
_____ Treatment _____

GROUNDWATER MONITORING

If groundwater has been impacted, describe proposed monitoring plan, including # of wells or sample points, monitoring schedule, analytical methods, points of compliance. Attach a groundwater monitoring location diagram.

As the area of impact has been delineated, no further area water investigation activities are proposed. Water quality monitoring of the System influent and effluent will be collected to demonstrate the System treating water to less than 10 mg/l of methane.

REMEDATION PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIODIC REPORTING

Frequency: ☒ Quarterly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Annually ☐ Other _____

Report Type: ☒ Groundwater Monitoring ☐ Land Treatment Progress Report ☐ O&M Report
☐ Other _____

WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Was E&P waste generated as part of this remediation? _____

Describe beneficial use, if any, of E&P Waste derived from this remediation project:

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards _____

E&P waste (solid) description _____

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: _____

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: _____

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels _____

E&P waste (liquid) description _____

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: _____

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: _____

REMEDATION COMPLETION REPORT

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Is this a Final Closure Request for this Remediation Project? No _____

Do all soils meet Table 910-1 standards? _____

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations? _____

Are the only residual soil impacts pH, SAR, or EC at depths greater than 3 feet below ground surface? _____

Does Groundwater meet Table 910-1 standards? No _____

Is additional groundwater monitoring to be conducted? Yes _____

RECLAMATION PLAN

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Describe reclamation plan. Discuss existing and new grade recontouring; method and testing of compaction alleviation; and reseeding program, including location of new seed, seed mix and noxious weed prevention. Attach diagram or drawing.

If remediation activities are conducted, the location(s) will be reclaimed in accordance with COGCC 1000 series.

Is the described reclamation complete? No _____

Does the reclamation described herein constitute interim or final reclamation of the Oil and Gas Location?

☐ Interim? ☐ Final?

Did the Surface Owner approve the seed mix? _____

If NO, does the seed mix comply with local soil conservation district recommendations? _____

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

PRIOR DATES

Date of Surface Owner notification/consultation, if required. _____

Actual Spill or Release date, if known. _____

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 03/24/2020

Date of commencement of Site Investigation. 04/15/2020

Date of completion of Site Investigation. 06/23/2020

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Date of commencement of Remediation. 07/10/2020

Date of completion of Remediation. _____

SITE RECLAMATION DATES

Date of commencement of Reclamation. _____

Date of completion of Reclamation. _____

OPERATOR COMMENT

Area water well sampling summary report is attached to this SF27 submittal. Additionally, laboratory supplied electronic data deliverables (EDDs) for the sampling program have been uploaded per the eform 43 process to the Colorado Oil and Gas Information System (COGIS) under Facility ID number 475912 using Olsson's operator number (200168). The data was uploaded in this manner to eliminate duplicate data submittal by PDC and GW as the investigation was conducted under a joint effort, per the requests of the COGCC.

Landowner approval to proceed with the installation of an ex situ methane mitigation water treatment system has been received for water well Permit # 137465. The system layout design is attached to this SF27. Operators have initiated discussions with the owner of water well, Permit No. 268360, Receipt No. 3601941 to conduct similar remediation activities.

PDC production gas and bradenhead samples for the wells on the Phelps and Eberle pads have been uploaded per the eform 43 process per the COGCC March 24, 2020 request.

I hereby certify all statements made in this form are to the best of my knowledge true, correct, and complete.

Signed: ` Karen Olson

Title: Snr. Program Manager

Submit Date: `

Email: Karen.olson@pdce.com

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan complies with COGCC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved: _____

Date: _____

Remediation Project Number: 15469

COA Type**Description**

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Attachment Check List

Upon approval, the approved Form 27 and all listed attachments will be indexed to the Remediation Project file. Only the approved Form 27 will also be indexed to the related Facilities.

Att Doc Num**Name**

402443796	MONITORING REPORT
402445646	REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

Total Attach: 2 Files

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