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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.

Closure request is not available for an Initial Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan.

OPERATOR INFORMATION

Name of Operator: WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY	Operator No: 95620	Phone Numbers
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 12652 Initial Form 27 Document #: 401940938

PURPOSE INFORMATION

- Rule 913.c.(1): Pit or Cuttings Trench closure.
- Rule 913.c.(2): Buried or partially buried vessel closure, which will be by removal.
- Rule 913.c.(3): Remediation of Spill and Releases pursuant to Rule 912.
- Rule 913.c.(4): Land treatment of Oily Waste pursuant to Rule 905.e.
- Rule 913.c.(5): Closure of Centralized E&P Waste Management Facilities pursuant to Rule 907.h.
- Rule 913.c.(6): Remediation of impacted Groundwater pursuant to Rule 915.e.(3).D, and the contaminant concentrations in Table 915-1.
- Rule 913.c.(7): Investigation and remediation of natural gas in soil or Groundwater.
- Rule 913.c.(8): When requested by the Director due to any potential risk to soil, Groundwater, or surface water.
- Rule 913.c.(9): Decommissioning of Oil and Gas Facilities.
- Rule 913.g: Changes of Operator.
- Rule 915.b: Request to leave elevated inorganics in situ.
- Other: _____

SITE INFORMATION

No Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: LOCATION	Facility ID: 313944	API #:	County Name: MORGAN
Facility Name: CHALLIS-64N59W 34NWSE	Latitude: 40.267440	Longitude: -103.968500	
	** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 40.267121	Longitude: -103.968477	
QtrQtr: NWSE	Sec: 34	Twp: 4N	Range: 59W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SM Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Range
Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? Yes Is surface water within 1/4 mile? Yes
Is groundwater less than 20 feet below ground surface? Yes

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

Surface water feature is located approximately 0.18 miles east-northeast. Irrigation ditch is located approximately 0.15 miles east-northeast.

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)

DESCRIPTION OF IMPACT

Impacted?	Impacted Media	Extent of Impact	How Determined
Yes	SOILS	7 cubic yards	Site Assessment

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

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

On February 1, 2019, LT Environmental, Inc. (LTE) conducted a site assessment to identify potential petroleum hydrocarbon impact to soil caused by the leaking tank identified in the January 9, 2019, COGCC inspection (Document Number 688000243). An LTE technician advanced five soil borings at the Site manually using a hand auger. One soil boring was located at the release origin and the remaining four soil borings were located in cardinal directions approximately 10 feet from the release origin. Laboratory analytical results indicated that TPH in soil sample SS01@1' exceeded the applicable COGCC Table 910-1 standard with a concentration of 809 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). All other laboratory soil analytical results were compliant with applicable COGCC Table 910-1 standards. The results of the site assessment were presented in the Form 27 initial (Document number 401940938).

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):

Based on the results of the February 1, 2019 site assessment, Western conducted source removal excavation to remove the impact identified in soil sample SS01@1'. The final extent of excavation was approximately 6-feet by 10-feet to a total depth of 3 feet below grade. After excavation activities, on February 15, 2019, one confirmation soil sample (SS01@3') was collected from the floor of the excavation to verify that the impacted soil identified was removed. Soil sample SS01@3' was submitted for laboratory analysis of BTEX, TPH as GRO, TPH as DRO, TPH as ORO, pH, and EC. Laboratory soil analytical results for SS01@3' indicated that all concentrations and levels were compliant with COGCC Table 910-1 allowable levels. The analytical results are summarized in the attached Table 1.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

Groundwater was not encountered during assessment activities.

Proposed Surface Water Sampling

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

NA

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 11

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 0

Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 60

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 809

NA Highest concentration of SAR

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 0

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 0

Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? Yes

Depth to groundwater (below ground surface, in feet)

Number of groundwater monitoring wells installed

Number of groundwater samples exceeding 915-1

Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l)

Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)

Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l)

Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l)

Highest concentration of Methane (mg/l)

Surface Water

0 Number of surface water samples collected

 Number of surface water samples exceeding 915-1

If surface water is impacted, other agency notification may be required.

OTHER INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

Were impacts to adjacent property or offsite impacts identified?

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.

Source removal excavation. Approximately 7 cubic yards of impacted soil was excavated and disposed of at the Waste Management Buffalo Ridge Facility.

REMEDIATION 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.

Source removal excavation and confirmation soil sampling.

Soil Remediation Summary

In Situ

Ex Situ

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

Yes Excavate and offsite disposal
_____ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____ 7
Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or COGCC Facility ID # _____
No Excavate and onsite remediation
Yes 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
_____ Other _____

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.

NA

REMEDIATION PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIODIC REPORTING

Approved Reporting Schedule:

Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually Other Final Report

Request Alternative Reporting Schedule:

Semi-Annually Annually Other

Rule 913.e:

After initial approval of a Form 27, the Operator will provide quarterly update reports in a Supplemental Form 27 to document progress of site investigation and remediation, unless an alternative reporting schedule has been requested by the Operator and approved by the Director. The Director may request a more frequent reporting schedule based on site-specific conditions.

Report Type: Groundwater Monitoring Land Treatment Progress Report O&M Report

Other Form 27 Supplemental to report confirmation soil sampling results

WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

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

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

None

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards 7

E&P waste (solid) description Stained soil

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: Waste Management - Buffalo Ridge

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels 0

E&P waste (liquid) description

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility:

REMEDIATION COMPLETION REPORT

REMEDIATION COMPLETION SUMMARY

Is this a Final Closure Request for this Remediation Project? Yes

If YES:

Compliant with Rule 913.h.(1).

Compliant with Rule 913.h.(2).

Compliant with Rule 913.h.(3).

Do all soils meet Table 915-1 standards? Yes

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations? _____

Does Groundwater meet Table 915-1 standards? Yes

Is additional groundwater monitoring to be conducted? _____

Operator shall comply with the COGCC 1000-Series Reclamation Requirements for all impacted and disturbed areas.

RECLAMATION PLAN

RECLAMATION PLANNING

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.

Site is active. Reclamation will be addressed during P&A activities.

Is the described reclamation complete? _____

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

Interim Final

Did the Surface Owner provide the seed mix? _____

If YES, does the seed mix comply with local soil conservation district recommendations? _____

Did the local soil conservation district provide the seed mix? _____

SITE RECLAMATION DATES

Proposed date of commencement of Reclamation. _____

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. _____

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Per Rule 913.d.(2): Any change from the approved implementation schedule will be requested at least 14 days in advance, and the Operator may not make the change without the Director's approval.

PRIOR DATES

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

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. _____

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 02/01/2019

Proposed site investigation commencement. 02/01/2019

Proposed completion of site investigation. 02/15/2019

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 02/15/2019

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 02/15/2019

Per Rule 913.d.(2): Any change from the approved implementation schedule will be requested at least 14 days in advance, and the Operator may not make the change without the Director's approval.

Change from approved implementation schedule per Rule 913.d.(2).

Basis for change in implementation schedule:

OPERATOR COMMENT

On July 12, 2021, four soil samples (SS-N, SS-E, SS-S, and SS-W) were collected from the former excavation sidewall locations. The samples were collected from 1 foot below ground surface and submitted to Summit Scientific in Golden, Colorado, for laboratory analysis of BTEX and TPH-GRO/DRO/ORO by COGCC approved methods. Analytical results were compliant with applicable COGCC Table 910-1 concentration levels.

Based on these results, Western Operating respectfully requests that the COGCC grant closure status to remediation project number 12652.

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

Signed: Steve James _____

Title: President _____

Submit Date: 07/29/2021 _____

Email: steve@westernoperating.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: ROB YOUNG _____

Date: 07/29/2021 _____

Remediation Project Number: 12652 _____

Condition of Approval**COA Type****Description**

	Based on the information presented, it appears that no further action is necessary at this time and the COGCC approves the closure request. However, should future conditions at the site indicate contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding COGCC standards or if ground water is found to be impacted, then further investigation and/or remediation activities may be required. In addition, the surface area disturbed by the remediation activity shall be reclaimed in accordance with the 1000 Series Reclamation Rules.
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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**

402761570	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
402762673	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
402762674	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
402762677	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP

Total Attach: 4 Files

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