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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: CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	Operator No: 10456	Phone Numbers
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 14344 Initial Form 27 Document #: 402186526

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: Assessment Report/ NFA Closure Request

SITE INFORMATION

No Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: SPILL OR RELEASE	Facility ID: 457248	API #:	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: 29C Flowback Release	Latitude: 39.583285	Longitude: -108.197370	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude:		Longitude:	
QtrQtr: NESW	Sec: 29	Twp: 5S	Range: 96W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications OH Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Rangeland

Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? No Is surface water within 1/4 mile? No

Is groundwater less than 20 feet below ground surface? No

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

The two nearby monitoring wells identified by Permit No. 295160 and Receipt No. 3664508F detailed on the COGCC GISOnline Tool have been field verified to not exist at the positions depicted.

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) Flowback Fluid

DESCRIPTION OF IMPACT

Impacted?	Impacted Media	Extent of Impact	How Determined
Yes	SOILS	To be Determined	Laboratory Analysis

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

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

Please see documents associated with COGCC Spill/Release Point ID 457248 and COGCC Remediation #14344 for this information.

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):

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

NA / ND

Number of soil samples collected 3

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 0

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 200

NA Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)

NA Highest concentration of SAR

BTEX > 915-1 Yes

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?

Please see documents associated with COGCC Spill/Release Point ID 457248 and COGCC Remediation #14344 for this information.

☐ 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.

No further source removal is necessary.

REMEDIAL ACTION 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.

Please refer to the ROWC for remedial actions completed associated with the recent confirmation sampling.

Soil Remediation Summary

☐ In Situ

☐ Ex Situ

Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

Excavate and offsite disposal

Chemical oxidation

If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards)

Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction

Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or COGCC Facility ID #

_____ Natural Attenuation

_____ Excavate and onsite remediation

_____ Other _____

_____ 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.

REMEDIATION PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIODIC REPORTING

Approved Reporting Schedule:

☐ Quarterly

☐ Semi-Annually

☐ Annually

☒ Other

Closure Request of Remediaton Number 14344.

☐ 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 Site Investigation Status Update

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: _____

REMEDIATION COMPLETION REPORT

REMEDATION 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? No _____

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.

Please refer to the Conclusions section of the ROWC and the detailed discussion per Colorado Oil and Gas Commission (COGCC) Rule 915-1 e.(2)C.

Is the described reclamation complete? Yes _____

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. 09/01/2018

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 08/31/2018

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 08/31/2018

Proposed site investigation commencement. 08/31/2018

Proposed completion of site investigation. 08/05/2021

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 08/31/2018

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 08/31/2018

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

In order to address the COA concerning assessing potential pathways to groundwater, a discussion of Caerus' assessment of potential pathways to groundwater is detailed below. Caerus believes that a pathway to groundwater from soil found in-situ on the former pad surface (recently interim reclaimed) does not exist due to the following reasons:

- 1) The vertical distance between the base of the existing excavation and the anticipated static water table depth. The static water table depth is estimated to be at least 53' feet below pad surface based on documents associated with a monitoring water well approximately 802 feet to the northwest and identified by DWR Permit #295169. This well was installed in 2004 at a location approximately 19 ft lower in elevation of from the pad (8,171 ft amsl vvs. 8,190 ft amsl). Based on review of the construction records for monitoring well Permit #295169, this well is dry and was not installed in the water table. Thus, the vertical distance between the assumed static water level and the bottom of the existing excavation is at least 53 feet associated with this remediation project.
- 2) No groundwater was observed during the investigation drilling or at any point during remediation activities.
- 3) The nearest sensitive receptor (1,425 feet south) is Little Creek a tributary to Light Gulch (Bear Run) which is tributary to the W. Fork Paraclete Creek. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) map symbol detailed on the topo map provided on COGCC GISOnline indicates that Little Creek it is an intermittent stream. However, based on local knowledge and field observations, this tributary is better characterized as ephemeral, as it rarely receives water flow except in extreme weather events, exceptional groundwater elevation increases manifested through natural springs, and/or rain/snow melt events. There is no observable standing water within the immediate area and any resulting appreciable groundwater elevation increase would have been observed in drilling investigation or monitoring well #295169.

Given these observations and facts concerning groundwater in the immediate vicinity of the project site, Caerus requests that the Director make a determination to evaluate remediation success of this project using Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations listed in Table 915-1 as described in the attached ROWC.

Additionally, based on the information and substantial data review, Caerus requests closure of Remediation Number 14344.

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

Signed: Dustin Held

Title: Sr. Consultant, Geologist

Submit Date: 09/03/2021

Email: dustin.held@wsp.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: Steven Arauza

Date: 10/13/2021

Remediation Project Number: 14344

Condition of Approval

COA Type

Description

1 COA	Based on review of information presented it appears that no further action is necessary at this time, and COGCC approves the closure request. However, should future conditions at the site indicate contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding COGCC standards or if surface and/or ground water is found to be impacted, then further investigation and/or remediation activities will be required at the site. In addition, the non-working surface area disturbed by the remediation activity shall be reclaimed in accordance with the 1000 Series Reclamation Rules including the establishment of vegetative cover on non-cropland and successful growth on cropland. Landowner must approve reclamation of cropland.
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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.

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
402796932	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
402801961	ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Total Attach: 2 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Environmental	Based on the information provided under Operator Comment, the Operator's request to proceed under the Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations is conditionally approved.	10/13/2021

Total: 1 comment(s)