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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

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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 19952 Initial Form 27 Document #: 402795478

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: <u>WELL</u>	Facility ID: _____	API #: <u>123-22729</u>	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>WELLS RANCH 42-30</u>		Latitude: <u>40.459280</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.473310</u>
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: <u>SENE</u>	Sec: <u>30</u>	Twp: <u>6N</u>	Range: <u>63W</u>
Meridian: <u>6</u>		Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>	

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SM

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Agriculture

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

Nearest Well: Irrigation / Domestic – 1,210 feet NW, Surface Water: Unnamed Lake – 38 feet E, Occupied Buildings: 1,366 feet NW, FWS Wetlands: Freshwater Pond (PUBFx) – 438 feet SW, HPH: Located within Pronghorn Winter Range Concentration - 0 feet

Flowline conflict as flowline, wellhead, and related facility are all located within Pronghorn Winter Concentration; COGIS lake layer also shows a historic lake approximately 38 feet east that appears to have dried up and now appears to be used for cropland / agriculture

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	Refer to Tables 1-4 & Figures 1-3	Confirmation Soil Sampling

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 January 26, 2022, field screening and confirmation soil sampling was conducted in accordance with the COGCC Rule 911 during the decommissioning and closure of the former Wells Ranch 42-30 Wellhead (Figure 1) and associated flowline (Figure 2). On February 15, 2022, following the receipt of preliminary analytical results, historic hydrocarbon impacts were discovered at the wellhead. Following this discovery, mitigation activities were initiated to delineate and remove remaining hydrocarbon impacts. Approximately 20 cubic yards (CY) of impacted material were excavated and transported to the North Weld Waste Management Facility for disposal under PDC waste manifests.

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):

During decommissioning, two soil samples (WH01 and FLR01) were collected adjacent to the cut and capped well casing at approximately 6 feet bgs and below the flowline riser at approximately 4 feet bgs. The samples were submitted for the Table 915-1 Organic Compounds in soil, TPH (C6-C36), and soil suitability for reclamation. Analytical results indicated that organic compound concentrations were in exceedance of the COGCC Table 915-1 standards in WH01. Following this discovery, soil sample WH01 was submitted for additional analysis of Table 915-1 metals. Analytical results indicated that the site-specific COCs include: BTEX, naphthalene, 1,2,4-TMB, 1,3,5-TMB, TPH (C6-C36), chrysene, pyrene, 1-M, 2-M, arsenic, barium, cadmium, copper, lead & selenium. On February 28, 2022, 5 soil samples (SS01, SS03, SS05, SS07, & SS09) were collected from the sidewalls & base of the excavation at depths of 6 feet and 7 feet bgs and were submitted for laboratory analysis of the above referenced COCs.

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):

One soil sample (SS02) was collected from the sidewall of the excavation at approximately 2.5 feet bgs and submitted for laboratory analysis of pH, EC, SAR, and boron. Analytical results indicated that inorganic compound concentrations were below the applicable COGCC Table 915-1 standards

During initial closure activities conducted on January 26, 2022, soil encountered on-site and below production equipment was visually inspected and field screened for volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations using a photoionization detector (PID). Per the approved proposed soil sampling plan, a sample was collected beneath the flowline at a significant direction change (FL01-01). Field screened soil samples were collected every 250 feet along the flowline as well as between ground surface and 6 inches in the four cardinal directions surrounding the wellhead. Sample locations collected during the initial decommissioning activities are illustrated on Figures 1 and 2.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 17

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 10

Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? No

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 185

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 240

-- Highest concentration of SAR 0.764

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 7

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 0

Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? No

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?

On January 26, 2022, two (2) background soil samples (BKG01) were collected at approximately 4 feet and 6 feet bgs from native material topographically up-gradient of the wellhead and submitted for analysis of COGCC Table 915-1 metals and pH. Preliminary analytical results indicated that arsenic and selenium were in exceedance of the applicable regulatory standards in native soil.

On February 28, 2022, six (6) background soil samples (BKG02 and BKG03) were collected at approximately 2.5 feet, 6 feet and 7 feet bgs from native material topographically up-gradient of the wellhead and submitted for analysis of COGCC Table 915-1 metals and pH. Preliminary analytical results indicated that arsenic, barium, and selenium were in exceedance of the applicable regulatory standards in native soil.

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

Volume of solid waste (cubic yards) 20

Volume of liquid waste (barrels) 0

☐ 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.

On February 28, 2022, approximately 20 cubic yards of impacted material were excavated adjacent to the wellhead and transported to North Weld Waste Management Facility in Ault, Colorado for disposal under PDC waste manifests.

REMEDATION 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.

A remediation strategy may be selected following the evaluation of soil analytical results.

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) _____ 20
_____ 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
_____ 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.

Groundwater was not encountered during wellhead decommissioning or supplemental source mass removal activities.

REMEDIATION PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIODIC REPORTING

Approved Reporting Schedule:

☐ Quarterly

☐ Semi-Annually

☐ Annually

☒ Other

Confirmation Sampling Summary, Analyte Reduction Request, Timeline Update

☐ **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 Confirmation Sampling Summary, Analyte Reduction Request, Timeline Update

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:

No beneficial use

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards 20

E&P waste (solid) description Hydrocarbon impacted soils

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: _____

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: North Weld Waste Management

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? No

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? _____

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations? _____

Does Groundwater meet Table 915-1 standards? _____

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.

Following wellhead and flowline decommissioning activities, the location was backfilled, compacted, and re-contoured to match pre-existing conditions. The location will be reclaimed in accordance with the COGCC 1000 series.

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. 01/26/2022

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 04/20/2027

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. 07/16/2021

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 02/15/2022

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 09/20/2021

Proposed site investigation commencement. 09/20/2021

Proposed completion of site investigation. _____

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 02/28/2022

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 04/20/2027

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

Based on analytical results for the waste characterization sample WH01, PDC is requesting that the COCs for the historic release discovered at the Wells Ranch 42-30 wellhead be reduced to the following: BTEX, 1,2,4-TMB, 1,3,5-TMB, naphthalene, TPH, chrysene, pyrene, 1-M, 2-M, arsenic, barium, cadmium, copper, lead, and selenium.

Background soil samples are currently being analyzed to evaluate soil suitability for reclamation in native material adjacent to the tank battery. Additionally, excavation extent samples are currently being analyzed for Table 915-1 metals and soil suitability for reclamation. Analytical results will be summarized in a forthcoming Supplemental Form 27.

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

Signed: Karen Olson

Title: Senior Program Manager

Submit Date:

Email: cogccspillremediation@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: 19952

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**

403021744	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403021745	PHOTO DOCUMENTATION
403021749	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP

Total Attach: 3 Files

General Comments**User Group****Comment****Comment Date**

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