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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: WHITING OIL & GAS CORPORATION	Operator No: 96155	Phone Numbers
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 21056 Initial Form 27 Document #: 402786198

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: Facility Closure

SITE INFORMATION

No Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: WELL	Facility ID: _____	API #: 103-07455	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: EMERALD 159	Latitude: 40.087796	Longitude: -108.889456	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SENW	Sec: 6	Twp: 1N	Range: 102W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications GM Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Livestock Grazing

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

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
UNDETERMINED	SOILS	Unknown	Field Screening via PID and visual

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 accordance with Rule 911.a we are submitting this Form 27 to close the orphan well pad. Historically in this area we have occasionally encountered what appears to be historical drill cuttings remaining adjacent to the wells. This Form 27 workplan is being submitted to address the cuttings if encountered.

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):

If cuttings or other impacts are discovered via field screening are encountered a minimum of 1 grab sample from below the cuttings after removal will be collected and submitted for laboratory analysis of Table 915-1 to confirm that the extents of the cuttings have been removed to <Table 915-1 Cleanup Concentrations Levels. In addition, a minimum of 1 (5-part composite) sample will be collected from the treated cuttings and submitted for laboratory analysis of Table 915-1 to document that any potential residual impacts are <Table 915-1 Cleanup Concentrations. In addition one sample will be collected at the wellhead and analyzed for Table 915-1.

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

Number of soil samples collected 4
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 4
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 120

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

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.

NA / ND

ND Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)
-- Highest concentration of SAR 3.48
BTEX > 915-1 No
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 8

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)

OTHER INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

☐ Were impacts to adjacent property or offsite impacts identified?

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

Multiple discrete background grab samples were collected throughout the field to determine the naturally occurring background concentrations of EC, SAR, pH, and Arsenic. The resulting lab data indicated that EC ranged from 0.178 to 10.4 mmhos/cm, SAR was < 6, pH ranged from 7.89 to 9.04, and Arsenic ranged from 4.67 to 8.08 mg/kg. These ranges along with Table 915-1 were utilized to evaluate the onsite samples.

☐ 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.

If encountered the cuttings will be removed via a combination of mechanical and hand excavation in an effort to minimize disturbing the surrounding vegetation. The removed cuttings will be staged onsite.

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.

If encountered the cuttings (or any impacted material) will be staged and shredded onsite adjacent to the wells. The cuttings will then be processed through a soil shredder with a combination of soil and/or amendments at a ratio necessary to achieve Table 915-1 Cleanup Concentrations.

Soil Remediation Summary

☐ In Situ

☒ Ex Situ

 Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

 Excavate and offsite disposal

_____ Chemical oxidation
_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
_____ Natural Attenuation
_____ Other _____

If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____

Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or COGCC Facility ID # _____

Yes _____ Excavate and onsite remediation

No _____ Land Treatment

No _____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

Yes _____ Chemical oxidation

Yes _____ Other _____ Soil shredding

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

☐ **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 _____

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

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? Yes _____

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.

The location will be reclaimed to the present grade of the location or to the approximate original contour of the landscape and consistent with the 1000-series Rule. Seeding of the disturbed area will be performed in accordance with its intended use. The seed mix will be prescribed by the landowner. There are no known noxious weeds in the immediate area of the disturbance.

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). _____

Proposed site investigation commencement. 10/04/2021 _____

Proposed completion of site investigation. _____

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. _____

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. _____

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

Four (4) soil samples were collected from the former wellhead, area of concern, and tailings piles at Emerald 159 on 11/16/2021 and 1/18/2022 and analyzed for COGCC Table 915-1 contaminants of concern. The locations of the former wellhead, area of concern, and tailings pile are shown on Figure 1. Laboratory test results indicated that contaminants of concern were either not detected at or above the laboratory reporting limit or were below COGCC Table 915-1 cleanup concentrations, excluding pH and arsenic. A summary of concentrations detected above COGCC Table 915-1 cleanup concentrations is provided below.

- pH: pH was detected at a concentration of 8.90 pH units which is above the COGCC Table 915-1 cleanup concentration of 6-8.3 pH units, but is within background pH concentrations, which range from 7.89 and 9.04 pH units.

- Arsenic: Arsenic was detected at concentrations of 8.70, 8.34, 8.59, and 8.62 mg/kg, which are above the COGCC Table 915-1 cleanup concentration of 0.68 mg/kg, but are within background arsenic concentrations, which range from 4.16 mg/kg to 10.1 mg/kg.

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

Signed: ` Kyle Waggoner _____

Title: Reclamation Coordinator _____

Submit Date: ` 03/29/2022 _____

Email: kyle.waggoner@whiting.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: John Heil _____

Date: 06/01/2022 _____

Remediation Project Number: 21056 _____

Condition of Approval

COA Type

Description

	Based on a review of the information provided, it appears that no further action is necessary at this time and COGCC approves the closure request. Should conditions at the site indicate contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding COGCC standards, or, if groundwater is found to be significantly impacted, further investigation and/or remediation activities may be required at the site.
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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

402997729	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
402997744	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
402997746	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
402997747	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
402997748	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
402997749	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP

Total Attach: 6 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
		Stamp Upon Approval

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