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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 #: 16704 Initial Form 27 Document #: 402590047

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

☐ Yes ☐ Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: <u>WELL</u>	Facility ID: _____	API #: <u>123-13293</u>	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>LEAFGREN 1-17</u>		Latitude: <u>40.482670</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.694920</u>
		** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____	Longitude: _____
QtrQtr: <u>SWSW</u>	Sec: <u>17</u>	Twp: <u>6N</u>	Range: <u>65W</u>
		Meridian: <u>6</u>	Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>
Facility Type: <u>LOCATION</u>	Facility ID: <u>323627</u>	API #: _____	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>LEAFGREN-66N65W 17SWSW</u>		Latitude: <u>40.482670</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.694920</u>
		** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: <u>40.482298</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.695262</u>
QtrQtr: <u>SWSW</u>	Sec: <u>17</u>	Twp: <u>6N</u>	Range: <u>65W</u>
		Meridian: <u>6</u>	Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SM

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use agriculture /
residential

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? No

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

Tank Battery Receptors: A domestic well is located approximately 486 feet northwest of the location. The Greeley No. 2 canal is located approximately 22 feet south of the location. Occupied buildings are located approximately 357 feet northwest of the location. FWS Wetlands classified as riverine habitat are located approximately 22 feet south of the location.

Wellhead Receptors: A domestic well is located approximately 551 feet northwest of the location. The Greeley No. 2 canal is located approximately 114 feet south of the location. Occupied buildings are located approximately 389 feet northwest of the location. FWS Wetlands classified as riverine habitat are located approximately 114 feet south of the location.

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	GROUNDWATER	Refer to Figure 3 and Table 5	Implementation of Groundwater Assessment Plan
Yes	SOILS	Ref. to Figures 1-3 and Tables 1-6	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 March 3, 2021, field screening and confirmation soil sampling was conducted in accordance with the COGCC Rule 911 during the decommissioning and closure of the Leafgren 1, 13, 23-17 Tank Battery and the Leafgren 1-17 Wellhead (Figure 1). Based on the initial analytical results, it was determined that a historic release was discovered adjacent to the former wellhead. Following the discovery, mitigation activities were initiated to delineate and remove remaining hydrocarbon impacts. During excavation activities, groundwater was observed in the excavation at approximately 23 feet below ground surface (bgs). Approximately 249.5 cubic yards 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):

On March 3, 2021, one soil sample (WH01) was collected from the source area (adjacent to the Wellhead) at approximately 5 feet below ground surface (bgs) and was submitted to Summit Scientific Laboratories (Summit) for analysis of the full COGCC Table 915-1 analyte list. Preliminary analytical results indicate that site specific containments of concern (COCs) include benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes (BTEX), naphthalene, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) [C6-C36], 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB), 1,3,5-TMB, cadmium, and lead. Between March 8 and March 9, 17 soil samples (SS01 – SS17) were collected from the sidewalls and base of the excavation at depths ranging between 12 feet and 24 feet bgs and were submitted for laboratory analysis of the above referenced COCs. In addition, one sample (SS18) was collected from the final excavation extent at 2.5 feet bgs and submitted for soil suitability constituents, lead, and cadmium.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

The excavation extent and soil sample locations are illustrated on Figure 2. Soil analytical results are summarized in Tables 1-4. The laboratory reports are included in Attachment A.

On March 10, 2021, one groundwater sample (GW01) was collected from the excavation following the completion of source mass removal activities and submitted for laboratory analysis of BTEX, naphthalene, 1,2,4-TMB, and 1,3,5-TMB. Analytical results indicated that constituent concentrations were below the applicable COGCC Table 915-1 groundwater standards. The groundwater sample location is illustrated on Figure 3 and the groundwater analytical results are summarized on Table 5.

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):

Tank battery decommissioning samples were collected adjacent to the above ground storage tanks (AST), separator flowlines and dump lines (SEP-FL and SEP-DL) and produced water vessel (PWV01). Samples were submitted for analysis of BTEX, naphthalene and TPH (C6-C36). In addition, the sidewall sample which exhibited the highest PID reading collected adjacent to the produced water vessel was submitted for analysis of pH, electrical conductivity (EC), sodium adsorption ration (SAR) and boron. Per the approved Initial Form 27, TMB analysis was not included for this location as soil sampling was conducted prior to March 4, 2021. Analytical results indicated that constituents were in compliance with the applicable COGCC Table 915-1 standards in all laboratory sample locations.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 26

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 6

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 546

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 2042

-- Highest concentration of SAR 1.23

BTEX > 915-1 Yes

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 24

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 1

Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? No

Depth to groundwater (below ground surface, in feet) 23

Number of groundwater monitoring wells installed 0

Number of groundwater samples exceeding 915-1 0

ND Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l)

ND Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)

ND Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l)

-- Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l) 12

NA 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?

The source soil sample (FLR01) exhibited arsenic, barium, cadmium, and lead concentrations in exceedance of the applicable COGCC Table 915-1 standards. Therefore, a background sample was collected within the shallow soil horizon to determine if elevated levels are a result of historic impacts or native soil conditions. On March 3, 2021, one background soil sample (BKG01) was collected at approximately 2.5 feet bgs and submitted for analysis of the COGCC Table 915-1 metals. Analytical results indicated that arsenic and barium were in exceedance of the applicable regulatory standards in native soil. Based on the results, arsenic and barium were removed from the final sampling analysis plan.

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

Volume of solid waste (cubic yards) 249

Volume of liquid waste (barrels) 0

☒ Is further site investigation required?

Five (5) monitoring wells (BH01 - BH05) were installed via direct-push drilling methods to confirm the absence of hydrocarbon impacts in soil and groundwater within and surrounding the former excavation extent. Lithologic descriptions and volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations using a photoionization detector (PID) were recorded for each borehole. Confirmation soil samples were collected at depths of approximately 24-25 and 27-28 feet bgs in source soil boring BH01 and submitted for laboratory analysis of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes (BTEX), naphthalene, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH C6-C36), 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB), 1,3,5-TMB, cadmium, and lead by EPA Methods 8260B, 8015, and 6020B. Analytical results received from soil samples collected during monitoring well installation activities indicated that all constituent concentrations were in compliance with the applicable COGCC Table 915-1 regulatory standards in soil boring BH01.

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.

Between March 3 and March 25, 2021, approximately 249.5 cubic yards of impacted material were excavated adjacent to the wellhead and transported to the North Weld Waste Management Facility in Ault, Colorado for disposal under PDC waste manifests. During excavation activities, groundwater was encountered within the excavation at approximately 23 feet below ground surface (bgs).

No soil was removed from the tank battery location during tank battery decommissioning and closure activities.

REMEDIAL 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.

Analytical results for the samples collected from the final excavation extent indicated that 1, 2, 4-TMB, 1, 3, 5-TMB, and naphthalene were in exceedance of the applicable COGC Table 915-1 Protection of Groundwater SSLs within the base of the excavation. Based on the results, approximately 200 gallons of 10% Micro-Blaze bio-remediation amendment were applied to the base of the excavation via diaphragm pump to address remaining hydrocarbon impacts. Following the application, the excavation was backfilled.

Based on analytical results received from monitoring well installation and initial groundwater monitoring activities, monitored natural attenuation (MNA) was selected as the remediation strategy for the fourth quarter 2021, and will remain the selected remediation strategy through the third quarter 2022.

Soil Remediation Summary

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Situ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ex Situ
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Excavate and offsite disposal
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical oxidation	<input type="checkbox"/> If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) 249
<input type="checkbox"/> Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction	<input type="checkbox"/> Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or COGCC Facility ID #
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Attenuation	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavate and onsite remediation
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Treatment
	<input type="checkbox"/> No Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical oxidation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Groundwater Remediation Summary

<input type="checkbox"/> Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical oxidation
<input type="checkbox"/> Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Natural Attenuation
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

PDC will conduct quarterly groundwater monitoring at the five site monitoring wells (BH01 - BH05) until closure criteria are met. Groundwater samples will be submitted for laboratory analysis of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX), naphthalene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB), and 1,3,5-TMB by EPA Method 8260B, chloride and sulfate anions by EPA Method 300.0 and total dissolved solids (TDS) by Method SM 2540C in accordance with Table 915-1.

Due to agricultural operations, the second quarter groundwater monitoring event had to be rescheduled and sampled in July. Additionally, due to severe weather, survey data was not collected during the second quarter 2022 groundwater monitoring event. Updated groundwater elevation data and flow direction will be included in the third quarter 2022 groundwater monitoring report.

Second quarter 2022 analytical results indicated that organic compound concentrations were in compliance with the applicable COGCC Table 915-1 groundwater standards in all five monitoring well locations. Additionally, inorganic parameters were in compliance with the applicable regulatory standards or within 1.25x the background concentration of the historic up- and cross-gradient monitoring wells (BH02 and BH03) in all monitoring well locations.

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

Adequacy of Operator's General Liability Insurance and Financial Assurance

Describe the adequacy of the Operator's general liability insurance and Financial Assurance to fully address the anticipated costs of Remediation, including the estimated remaining cost for this project (below).

If this information has been provided on a Form 27 within the last 12 months, provide the Document Number of that form.

Operator does not have site-specific financial assurance for this project; however, Operator has inactive well, blanket, and surface bonding including Surety IDs 106077122, 106473808, and 106473820, as well as commercial general liability and/or umbrella/excess insurance meeting the requirements of Rule 705.b. Operator does not anticipate making an insurance claim for this project.

- Investigation and delineation has been completed in soil and groundwater.
- Source mass removal has been completed, monitoring wells were installed, and groundwater will continue to be monitored for natural attenuation.
- Facility and infrastructure were decommissioned and the location will be reclaimed in accordance with the COGCC 1000 Series.

Costs included herein are estimates only and may change over time based on numerous factors. Accordingly, Operator makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of such cost estimates, thus providing an estimate for the next year below.

Operator anticipates the remaining cost for this project to be: \$ 10000

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 249

E&P waste (solid) description Hydrocarbon impacted soil.

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: North Weld Waste Management Facility

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 facility decommissioning and excavation 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. 03/03/2021

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 02/23/2027

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. 10/12/2020

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 03/04/2021

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 02/21/2021

Proposed site investigation commencement. 03/03/2021

Proposed completion of site investigation. 12/10/2021

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 03/03/2021

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 02/23/2027

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

This Supplemental Form 27 was submitted to summarize quarterly groundwater monitoring activities and analytical results collected during the second quarter 2022 at the former Leafgren 1-17 wellhead location.

Second quarter 2022 groundwater analytical results indicated that organic compound concentrations and inorganic parameters were in compliance with the applicable COGCC Table 915-1 regulatory standards in all monitoring well locations for the third consecutive quarter.

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: 08/02/2022

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: RICK ALLISON

Date: 11/09/2022

Remediation Project Number: 16704

COA Type

Description

0 COA	

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

403111636	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
403124183	MONITORING REPORT

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