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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 #: 25556 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403176519

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: WELL	Facility ID: _____	API #: 045-09128	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: SCHAEFFER 12-6B (F12W)	Latitude: 39.462170	Longitude: -107.726470	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SENW	Sec: 12	Twp: 7S	Range: 93W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No

Facility Type: LOCATION	Facility ID: 334607	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: SHAEFFER-67S93W 12SENW	Latitude: 39.462120	Longitude: -107.726210	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SENW	Sec: 12	Twp: 7S	Range: 93W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SM

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

Multiple ephemeral drainages are within 0.25 miles 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	SOILS	To be determined	Laboratory analysis of soil samples

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

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

Form 27 initial Document 403176519 was submitted to comply with COGCC Rule 911.a.(4). The form served as the initial notification to abandon the SHAEFFER #12-6B (API# 05-045-09128) wellhead and associated infrastructure. Equipment removed includes a well and associated on-site flowline which were abandoned in place. See the attached Report of Work Completed (ROWC) for initial investigation details.

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):

Additional soil samples will be collected from the sidewalls and base of the wellhead excavation as needed to delineate the extent of soil impacts. Based on the results of initial sampling, Caerus requests a reduced analyte list of TPH and pH.

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 3

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 3

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 300

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 561

-- Highest concentration of SAR 2.21

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?

Background soil samples were collected from an adjacent well pad, and are included in the attached ROWC.

☐ 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?

Caerus will conduct vertical and horizontal delineation of the TPH and pH exceedances found around the wellhead area.

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.

Remediation methods will be evaluated once impacts are delineated.

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.

On September 28, 2022, initial sampling was conducted to characterize soil beneath the plugged and abandoned equipment in accordance with Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rule 911.a. Following cut and cap operations, soil around the wellhead had been removed to a depth of 7 feet below ground surface (bgs), and soil beneath the separator inlet had been removed to a depth of 6 feet bgs. One base sample and one sidewall sample were collected from the wellhead excavation at 7 feet and 6 feet bgs, respectively. One soil sample was collected from the base of the flowline excavation at 6' bgs. Analytical results of collected soil samples are within COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels for all constituents except total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), arsenic, and pH. TPH exceeds at 561 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). Exceedances of pH range from 8.40 to 9.77. Arsenic exceedances range from 6.52 mg/kg to 8.37 mg/kg.

Although pH and arsenic values above COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels remain within the investigation area, analytical results of background samples collected from the nearby H12W (COGCC Location ID 323927) indicate a peak native arsenic level of 9.38 mg/kg and peak native pH of 8.85. Based on Footnote 11 of COGCC Table 915-1, Caerus requests an alternative allowable limit for arsenic of 11.72 mg/kg and consideration of COGCC Table 915-1 Footnote 1 to establish an alternative allowable limit for pH of 9.38. Assuming the proposed alternative allowable limits and soil screening level are accepted, values of TPH and pH exceeding allowable limits remain at the Location around the wellhead. Additional site investigation is needed to delineate the TPH exceedance horizontally and to delineate the pH exceedance both vertically and horizontally. Prior to additional sampling, Caerus requests a reduced analyte list of TPH and pH.

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

☐ 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 Q4 2022 REM update

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.

Per Rule 705.b, and in line with guidance laid out in the SBAP, Caerus has general liability insurance in the amount of \$1M, and Caerus has umbrella insurance, which sits over the general liability insurance in the amount of \$75M. The umbrella and general liability insurance covers property damage, bodily injury to third parties, and sudden or accidental pollution under a combined \$76M.

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

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

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.

All disturbance areas will be returned to grade with suitable material in preparation for final reclamation activities pursuant to the COGCC 1000 Series Rules.

Is the described reclamation complete? No

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). 09/28/2022

Proposed site investigation commencement. 09/28/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. 04/01/2023

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

Based on background soil samples collected from within the area, Caerus requests to establish alternative concentration levels for pH and arsenic through COGCC Footnotes 1 and 11.

Caerus requests to utilize the COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations for this project based on available groundwater data within the area determining the depth to groundwater is 115 feet below ground surface.

Based on the field investigation and soil sample analytical results outlined in the attached report, Caerus requests a reduced analyte suite for the project to include TPH (GRO, DRO, and ORO) and pH.

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

Signed: Chris McKisson

Title: Managing Partner

Submit Date: 12/01/2022

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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: 12/23/2022

Remediation Project Number: 25556

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**

403229014	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
403246498	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Total Attach: 2 Files

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

Environmental	The Operator's request to proceed under Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations is conditionally approved based on depth to groundwater information provided under Operator Comment.	12/23/2022
Environmental	Under Recommendations and analysis, the attached report (doc #403246498) requests an alternative allowable limit of 9.38 for pH, but references background pH up to 8.85. This appears to be a typographical error, as this section also refers to a background arsenic concentration of 9.38 mg/kg. Based on this information, the Operator's request to establish an alternative allowable pH level of 8.85 is conditionally approved, per Table 915-1 Footnote 1.	12/23/2022
Environmental	Based on the information provided, the Operator's request for a reduced analyte suite of TPH and pH is conditionally approved.	12/23/2022

Total: 3 comment(s)