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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 #: 19518 Initial Form 27 Document #: 402658889

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: SPILL OR RELEASE	Facility ID: 479279	API #: _____	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: J14 496 Drilling Mud Release	Latitude: 39.700947	Longitude: -108.137218	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: NESW	Sec: 14	Twp: 4S	Range: 96W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications GM Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Rangeland
Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? No 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

A monitoring well owned by Hunter Ridge Energy Services is located 624 feet northeast.

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	To be determined through on-site investigation

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 refer to documents archived under Spill/Release Point ID 479279 and Remediation # 19518 for this information.

On April 29, 2022, four soil samples were collected from the spill investigation area from approximately 6 inches below ground surface. Laboratory results of the spill characterization soil samples indicate compliance with COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations except total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), sodium adsorption ration (SAR), pH, boron, arsenic, and barium. See the attached Report of Work Completed (ROWC) for more 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):

Caerus plans to continue assessment of the release area. Additional soil samples will be collected and analyzed to delineate identified impacts. Based on analytical results of release investigation to date, Caerus proposes a reduced analyte list of TPH, SAR, pH, boron, and barium.

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 15
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 15
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? No
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 8000

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 838
-- Highest concentration of SAR 15.6
 BTEX > 915-1 No
 Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 3

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?

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?

See Proposed Soil Sampling and the attached ROWC for details.

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.

Impacted soil will be excavated and remediated. All removed impacted soil will be added to the drill cuttings stockpile and remediated as part of COGCC Remediation Project 24636. To confirm successful removal of all impacted soil, confirmation soil samples will be collected from soil beneath the impacted area and submitted for the laboratory analysis of the reduced analyte suite proposed in the "Proposed Soil Sampling" Section of this form. The number and placement of these samples will be made in the field but will be representative of the total area affected.

REMEDICATION 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.

Initial site investigation was performed on April 29, 2022. Using a hand auger, four soil samples were collected from 6 inches below ground surface (bgs) within the spill footprint. Analytical results of initial site investigation identified levels of TPH, SAR, pH, boron, arsenic, and barium exceeding COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels. On September 29, 2022, additional site investigation was completed. Using a hydrovacuum truck, five potholes were advanced to the north, south, east, and west of release area to delineate soil impacts horizontally. One pothole was also advanced at the center of the impacted area to delineate soil impacts vertically. Where possible, two samples were collected from each pothole: one at 6 inches to 1 foot bgs, and one from the terminus of each pothole. Analytical results of pothole delineation soil samples are compliant with COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels except for pH, arsenic, and hexavalent chromium.

Background data collected at the location on June 20, 2022, indicate levels of pH and arsenic elevated above COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels. Analytical data indicates peak native pH of 8.66 and peak native arsenic of 5.84 mg/kg. All hexavalent chromium exceedances are labeled with a "J" qualifier. The "J" qualifier states that the identification of the analyte was made; however, the concentration is only an estimate due to the minimal amount of the analyte exhibited in the sample material. Based on these results, Caerus requests consideration of COGCC Table 915-1 Footnote 1 to establish an alternative allowable limit for pH of 8.66, consideration of Footnote 11 to establish an alternative allowable limit for arsenic of 7.30 mg/kg, and consideration of the "J" qualifier to remove hexavalent chromium as a constituent of concern. See the attached ROWC for details.

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 Q3 2022 Status 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? Yes

Describe beneficial use, if any, of E&P Waste derived from this remediation project:

None

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards 0

E&P waste (solid) description _____

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: _____

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: _____

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels 23

E&P waste (liquid) description impacted soils mixed with hydrovac rinsate

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: _____

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: Greenleaf Environmental Services

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.

Any disturbance will be returned to the active working surface of the well pad for continued operation. When the site is decommissioned at a later date, it will be reclaimed in accordance with 1000 Series regulations.

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. 01/28/2021

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 04/29/2022

Proposed site investigation commencement. 04/29/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. _____

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 06/01/2023

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

This form has been submitted to provide quarterly site investigation information to the COGCC and to request a reduced analyte list. See the attached ROWC for details of site investigation efforts and results.

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: 12/20/2022

Email: chris.mckisson@caerusoilandgas.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: 01/13/2023

Remediation Project Number: 19518

COA Type**Description**

	Submit a Form 27 project update for Remediation Project #24636 that indicates the additional volume of impacted material along with an analytical summary table and lab reports for waste characterization of additional soils to be treated.
1 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**

403229061	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
403266704	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Total Attach: 2 Files

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

Environmental	Comply with outstanding COAs and submit a Form 19 to close Spill/Release ID #467272.	01/13/2023
Environmental	Based on the information provided, the Operator's request for a reduced analyte suite of TPH, SAR, pH, boron, and barium is conditionally approved.	01/13/2023

Total: 2 comment(s)