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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 & Figure 1	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.

## 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?

Based on final analytical results, further site investigation is required to delineate barium and selenium exceedances recorded in samples collected from the final excavation extent. The proposed soil boring locations are illustrated on Figure 1.

## **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.

## **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.

Final analytical results received from samples collected from the final excavation extent indicated that barium and selenium concentrations were in exceedance of the applicable COGCC Protection of Groundwater SSLs and remained above background concentrations. Based on these results, a supplemental site investigation is required to delineate barium and arsenic exceedances in the vicinity of SS05 and SS07. The final excavation soil sample locations and proposed soil borings are illustrated on Figure 1. Analytical results are summarized in Tables 1 through 4, and GPS coordinates and field screened VOC concentrations are summarized in Table 5. The proposed soil boring locations are illustrated on Figure 1. The laboratory reports are included as Attachment A and the soil field notes are included as Attachment B.

## Soil Remediation Summary

☐ In Situ

☒ Ex Situ

\_\_\_\_\_ Bioremediation ( or enhanced bioremediation )

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Excavate and offsite disposal

\_\_\_\_\_ Chemical oxidation

\_\_\_\_\_ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) \_\_\_\_\_ 20

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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

#### ☐ 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 Timeline 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.

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.

- Facility and infrastructure were decommissioned and the location will be reclaimed in accordance with the COGCC 1000 Series.
- Further soil investigation is required adjacent to SS05 and SS07 to delineate barium and selenium exceedances.

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 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. 10/27/2027

## 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. 01/01/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. 03/31/2023

### REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 02/28/2022

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 10/27/2027

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 form has been prepared to provide a timeline update for the Wells Ranch 42-30 wellhead. The Supplemental Form 27 submitted on August 2, 2022, under Document No. 403122926 is still pending review.

Background analytical results indicated that pH was in exceedance of the applicable COGCC regulatory standard in native soil on site. Additionally, the pH exceedance recorded in the source sample was below background concentrations and indicative of native material. Based on these results, PDC is requesting that pH is removed from the constituent of concern list.

Based on analytical results collected during excavation activities, additional site investigation is required to delineate barium and selenium exceedances adjacent to SS05 and SS07. PDC will complete supplemental site investigation activities following landowner approval. Supplemental Form 27s will be prepared and submitted on a quarterly schedule to provide updates and progress of the remediation until closure criteria has been achieved.

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: 11/01/2022

Email: taspillremediationcontractor@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: BOB CHESSON

Date: 02/22/2023

Remediation Project Number: 19952

**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**

403210683	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
403210729	PHOTO DOCUMENTATION
403210730	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
403210748	ANALYTICAL RESULTS

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