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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 #: 26973 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403263381

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: Q1 2023 - Status Update to Remediation Project Number (RPN) 26973

SITE INFORMATION

Yes Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: SPILL OR RELEASE	Facility ID: 483351	API #:	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: Yellow Creek Fed. Condensate Tank	Latitude: 40.007417	Longitude: -108.370334	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude:		Longitude:	
QtrQtr: SESE	Sec: 34	Twp: 1N	Range: 98W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SM Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use NON-CROP 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

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	TBD	Soil Sampling/Laboratory Analysis

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 Spill/Release Point ID Number 483351 for initial emergency response actions taken. Please see Document Number (DN) 403263381 for information in regards to the initial investigative actions completed.

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):

A minimum of seven potholes should be advanced with the assistance of a hydro-vacuum truck (hydro-vac), one between previous sample locations POR and POR-NE, and two along each lateral direction of the unlined earthen secondary containment berm, and one at each short end of the unlined earthen secondary containment berm in an attempt to laterally and vertically define observed impacts to the soil. If impacts are observed beyond the seven hydro-vac potholes surrounding the observed release extent, subsequent hydro-vac potholes will be advanced laterally in each cardinal direction until impacts are defined. All future soil samples will be analyzed under the conditionally approved reduced suite in DN 403263381.

No work was conducted at the Site during Q1 2023 due to winter access restrictions. Continued investigative activities are planned to take place in spring of 2023 when site conditions allow.

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):

Please see the "Proposed Soil Sampling" and "Remediation Summary" sections which detail additional investigative actions.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 0

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 0

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 800

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 18830

-- Highest concentration of SAR 2.46

BTEX > 915-1 Yes

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 1

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?

Please see the "Proposed Soil Sampling" and "Remediation Summary" sections which detail additional investigative actions.

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.

The source was result of a tank overflow. The associated well was shut-in and a Vac Truck recovered standing fluids and drew down fluid levels within the tank. The malfunctioning ball valve and faulty tank overflow alarm wiring were both replace to prevent a future release.

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.

Once the impacts have been delineated, a remediation/source removal plan will be proposed to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC).

The elevated pH values observed in all five confirmation soil samples collected in association with the release of condensate production fluid within the unlined earthen secondary containment on November 28, 2022, will be addressed through the collection of a produced water sample from the production tank onsite. This sample will represent fluids release from the condensate tank and will be used for comparison per Rule 915.e.2.(C) (site-specific waste characterization).

The elevated metals concentrations observed in all five confirmation soil samples collected in association with the release of condensate production fluid within the unlined earthen secondary containment on November 28, 2022, will be addressed through the collected of site-specific background soil samples from nearby areas close to the Site once work commences in May 2023. Background soil samples will be analyzed for Table 915-1 metals, pH, electrical conductivity (EC), sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), and boron (hot water soluble) per Rule 915.e.(2).D.

No work was conducted at the Site during Q1 2023 due to winter access restrictions. Continued investigative activities are planned to take place in spring of 2023 when site conditions allow.

Soil Remediation Summary

☐ In Situ

_____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

_____ Chemical oxidation

_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction

_____ Natural Attenuation

_____ Other _____

☐ Ex Situ

_____ Excavate and offsite disposal

_____ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____

_____ Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or COGCC Facility ID # _____

_____ Excavate and onsite remediation

_____ 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.

If groundwater is observed during investigation activities, a representative sample will be collected and substituted for COGCC Table 915-1 for water.

REMEDATION 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.

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: \$ 50000

WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Was E&P waste generated as part of this remediation? No

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? 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 disturbances associated with the release will be returned to grade with suitable material pursuant to the COGCC 1000 Series Regulation.

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. 11/23/2022

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 11/23/2022

Proposed site investigation commencement. 12/28/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. 05/01/2023

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

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

Signed: Dustin Held

Title: Sr. Consultant, Geologist

Submit Date: 04/03/2023

Email: Dustin.Held@WSP.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: 05/16/2023

Remediation Project Number: 26973

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**

403360009	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
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Total Attach: 1 Files

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

Environmental	Comply with outstanding COAs.	05/16/2023
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