

# State of Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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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	<b>Phone Numbers</b>
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### PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 19864 Initial Form 27 Document #: 402631546

#### 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: LOCATION	Facility ID: 415180	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: Story Gulch Unit 8505A-36 B36496	Latitude: 39.664206	Longitude: -108.113367	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: Lot 2	Sec: 36	Twp: 4S	Range: 96W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

#### SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications CL Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Forest

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

An unnamed ephemeral tributary to Schutte Creek is located approximately 0.22 miles to the east.

## 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
UNDETERMINED	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.

Between March, 12, 2010 and February 15, 2011, five separate releases occurred on the Location. All Spill/Release Point IDs have been closed onto Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Remediation Project Number 19864. Please refer to COGCC document numbers 2524363, 2524496, 2523460, 2607774, and 2523034 and the attached Report of Work Completed (ROWC) for details regarding the individual releases immediate actions taken to abate, investigate, and remediate impacts associated with the historical spills.

### 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 to delineate remaining pH exceedances and/or background samples will be collected to demonstrate elevated pH in native soil at the Location. Based on analytical results of recent site investigation, Caerus requests a reduced analyte list of 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 43

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 36

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 90000

**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

**NA / ND**

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 239

-- Highest concentration of SAR 21.9

BTEX &gt; 915-1 No

Vertical Extent &gt; 915-1 (in feet) 4

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 in support of this investigation, and are included within the attached report of work completed.

☐ 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.

**REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN**

Does this Supplemental Form 27A include changes to a previously approved Remedial Action Plan? Yes

**SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY**

Describe how source is to be removed.

Remediation strategies will be evaluated once soil impacts are delineated.

**REMEDIAL ACTION 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.

See the attached ROWC for details regarding site investigation history. On October 20, 2022, Confluence coordinated and oversaw additional remedial excavation to address the Benzo(A)pyrene, pH, and arsenic exceedances in the east sidewall of the PH05 excavation. Impacted material from the east sidewall was removed via excavation, and one soil sample was collected from the newly exposed east sidewall. The soil sample was submitted for analysis of COGCC Table 915-1 soil constituents. Analytical results of the PH05 east sidewall soil sample indicate compliance with COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels except for arsenic which exceeds at 3.02 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg).

Based on these results and analysis, pH, arsenic, and chromium (VI) values exceeding COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels remain within the investigation area. Background data collected from nearby, native, non-impacted soil at the Location indicates levels of arsenic elevated above allowable limits with a peak native level of 5.71 mg/kg. Additionally, the hexavalent chromium exceedance was 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, Confluence recommends that Caerus request consideration of COGCC Table 915-1 Footnote 11 to establish an alternative allowable limit for arsenic of 7.14 mg/kg, consideration of the "J" qualifier on the hexavalent chromium concentration, and a reduced analyte suite of pH only. Assuming the proposed alternative allowable limit and analytical considerations are accepted, all constituents of concern are delineated with the exception of pH. Caerus plans to collect additional background samples to further characterize native levels of 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 Q3, Q4 2022, and Q1 2023 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.

Any disturbance of the pad surface will be returned to the active working surface of the location 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. 06/29/2010

### SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 03/26/2021

Proposed site investigation commencement. 09/08/2021

Proposed completion of site investigation. \_\_\_\_\_

### REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 06/01/2023

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 07/01/2023

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**

Caerus requests consideration for COGCC Table 915-1 Footnote 11 to establish an alternative allowable limit for arsenic of 7.14 mg/kg. Caerus requests consideration for the "J" qualifier associated with the hexavalent chromium exceedance found within the PH05 area, as this was an estimated value.

Based on the field investigation and laboratory analytical results outlined to date, Caerus requests a reduced analyte suite of pH for the project.

The attached report details work completed during Q3 and Q4 2022. No additional work has been completed within Q1 2023 due to site access.

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

Signed: Blair Rollins

Title: EHS Specialist

Submit Date: 04/10/2023

Email: brollins@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: 05/23/2023

Remediation Project Number: 19864

**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**

403369156	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
403369201	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
403410119	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 3 Files

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

Environmental	By "consideration of J qualifier," the Operator is referring to Table 915-1, Footnote 9 and is requesting to substitute the laboratory MDL or PQL for the concentration listed in Table 915-1.  In future submittals, be specific in Footnote references and requests.	05/23/2023
Environmental	Based on the information provided, the Operator's request for a reduced analyte suite of pH-only is conditionally approved.	05/23/2023

Total: 2 comment(s)