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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 #: 23602 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403065592

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: <u>WELL</u>	Facility ID: _____	API #: <u>123-20240</u>	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>HOWARD 14-18</u>	Latitude: <u>40.393500</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.600110</u>	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: <u>SWSW</u>	Sec: <u>18</u>	Twp: <u>5N</u>	Range: <u>64W</u> Meridian: <u>6</u> Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>

Facility Type: <u>LOCATION</u>	Facility ID: <u>331157</u>	API #: _____	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>HOWARD-65N64W 18SWSW</u>	Latitude: <u>40.393535</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.600136</u>	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: <u>40.393492</u>		Longitude: <u>-104.600577</u>	
QtrQtr: <u>SWSW</u>	Sec: <u>18</u>	Twp: <u>5N</u>	Range: <u>64W</u> Meridian: <u>6</u> Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>

## SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SM

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Agricultural

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**

Tank Battery: Irrigation - 390' SSW; Surface Water: Irrigation Ditch - 85' SSE; Occupied Building: 180' SSE; Livestock: 390' S; FWS Wetlands: 820' NNW  
Freshwater Pond (PUBFx).

Wellhead (Howard 14-18): Irrigation - 490' SW; Surface Water: Irrigation Ditch - 35' SSE; Occupied Building: 185' SSW; Livestock: 420' SSW; FWS Wetlands:  
892' NW Freshwater Pond (PUBFx).

# 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 1-5 and Figures 1-2	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.

In accordance with COGCC Rule 911, this form serves as notification for the decommissioning and abandonment of the Howard 14-18 production facility, Howard 14-18 wellhead, and removal of the associated flowline. The ground and sub-surfaces will be visually inspected for hydrocarbon impacts during equipment decommissioning. Field observations and photo documentation will be recorded in a field inspection form for submittal to the COGCC.

## 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 ):

Soil samples will be collected from the surface in cardinal directions of the wellhead, as defined in the Rule 911.a.(4) guidance document (9/20/21), for field screening purposes. Grab soil samples will be collected below and/or adjacent to applicable facility equipment, as defined in the Rule 911.a.(4) guidance document (9/20/21), for field screening purposes. Discrete soil samples will be collected for laboratory analysis either in any area of observed hydrocarbon impacts, or in the sample locations designated by the COGCC. GPS data will be collected for all soil sample locations. Soil samples collected at the tank battery will be submitted for laboratory analysis of BTEX, naphthalene, TPH (C6-C36), 1,2,4-TMB, and 1,3,5-TMB by EPA Methods 8260B and 8015. Soil samples will be collected adjacent to the wellhead from native material and submitted for laboratory analysis of Organic Compounds in Soil, soil suitability, and TPH (C6-C36).

### Proposed Groundwater Sampling

Will groundwater samples be collected as part of this investigation? ( Number, analyses, and locations of samples ):

If groundwater is encountered during decommissioning and/or abandonment activities, a grab sample will be collected as soon as practical. If contaminated soil is in contact with groundwater or if free product/hydrocarbon sheen are observed, the release will be reported in accordance with Rule 912.b. Groundwater samples will be submitted for laboratory analysis of BTEX, naphthalene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene by EPA Method 8260.

### 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 ):

Assessments will be conducted during the removal of the on-location flowline (estimated to be 160 feet in length), soil samples will be collected below the flowline risers. The flowline and adjacent sub-surface will be inspected for any visual and olfactory indicators of potential failure and hydrocarbon impacts. Soils will be field screened below the flowline and if suspected impacts are observed, a soil sample will be collected for an initial assessment and submitted for laboratory analysis of BTEX, naphthalene, 1,2,4-TMB, 1,3,5-TMB, and TPH (C6-C36). If analytical results indicate the presence of organic compound concentrations, the sample will be analyzed for the full Table 915-1 suite. GPS data and photo documentation will be recorded for each inspection/sample location.

# SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

## SAMPLE SUMMARY

**Soil**

Number of soil samples collected 12  
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 3  
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? No  
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 333

**NA / ND**

ND Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) \_\_\_\_\_  
-- Highest concentration of SAR 1.12  
BTEX > 915-1 No  
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 8

**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 March 15, 2023, one background soil boring (BKG01) was advanced in native material topographically upgradient of the tank battery and wellhead. Background soil samples were collected from the soil boring at approximately 2.5 feet, 4 feet, and 8 feet bgs and submitted for laboratory analysis of COGCC Table 915-1 metals. Analytical results indicated that arsenic was in exceedance of the applicable Table 915-1 regulatory standards in native soil.

Was investigation derived waste (IDW) generated as part of this investigation?

Volume of solid waste (cubic yards) 4 Volume of liquid waste (barrels) 0

Is further site investigation required?

Up to five (5) soil borings will be advanced to vertically and horizontally delineate the arsenic exceedances observed in soil samples WH01-B @ 8', WH01-N @ 4', and WH01-S @ 4' collected within the wellhead excavation extent. Soil samples will be collected from the central soil boring adjacent to the former WH01-B @ 8' location from native material at depths of approximately 9 feet, 10 feet, and 11 feet bgs. The soil sample collected from 9 feet bgs will be submitted or laboratory analysis of arsenic. The remaining samples will be submitted on hold pending the need for further delineation

Four (4) cardinal direction soil borings will be advanced to approximately 11 feet bgs. Soil samples will be collected from native material at depths of approximately 4 feet, 8 feet, 9 feet, 10 feet and 11 feet bgs. The soil samples collected from cardinal direction soil borings at 4 feet and 8 feet bgs will be submitted for arsenic. The remaining samples will be submitted on hold pending the need for further delineation.

In addition, four (4) background soil borings will be advanced up-gradient of the former tank battery to approximately 11 feet bgs and will be submitted to the laboratory for analysis of arsenic. Five soil samples will be collected at depths of approximately 4 feet, 8 feet, 9 feet, 10 feet, and 11 feet bgs from each borehole.

Volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations using a photoionization detector (PID) and lithologic descriptions will be recorded for each borehole. Supplemental site investigation activities are proposed to be conducted by the end of the third quarter 2023, pending approval of this form and landowner approval. The proposed soil boring locations are illustrated on Figure 3.

**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 March 15, 2023 approximately 4 cubic yards of impacted material were excavated adjacent to the wellhead and transported to the North Weld Waste Management Facility in Ault, CO for disposal under a PDC waste manifest.

**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.

During initial decommissioning activities conducted on March 15, 2023, soil encountered on-site and below production equipment was visually inspected and field screened for VOC concentrations using a PID. Per the approved proposed soil sampling plan, soil samples were collected below and/or adjacent to the produced water vessel (PWV), separator dump line riser (SEP01-DL), separator flowline riser (SEP01-FL), above ground storage tank (AST), wellhead (WH). Additionally, grab soil samples were collected adjacent to the water dump line (WDL), meter house (MH), and in the cardinal directions around the wellhead (WHS), and field screened for VOCs using a PID. Soil samples PWV01-B, PWV01-N, SEP01-DL, SEP01-FL, and AST01 were submitted for analysis of BTEX, N, 1,2,4-TMB, 1,3,5-TMB, and TPH (C6-C36). In addition, soil samples PWV01-B & PWV01-S were submitted for laboratory analysis of pH, EC, SAR, and boron. Soil samples WH01-B and WH01-N were submitted for laboratory analysis of the full Table 915-1 analytical suite. Soil sample WH01-S was submitted for laboratory analysis of arsenic. Analytical results indicated that constituent compounds were in compliance with the applicable COGCC Table 915-1 Protection of Groundwater SSLs in all soil samples collected, with the exception of arsenic in soil samples WH01-B, WH01-N, and WH01-S.

Soil analytical results are summarized in Tables 1-4. GPS coordinates & PID readings are summarized in Table 5. Soil sample locations are illustrated on Figures 1 & 2. Proposed soil boring locations are illustrated on Figure 3. Laboratory analytical results are included as Attachment A. Field notes & photo log are included as Attachment B.

A supplemental site investigation will be conducted to horizontally and vertically delineate arsenic concentrations in the vicinity of the wellhead excavation and to assess arsenic concentrations in native material adjacent to the wellhead and tank battery.

**Soil Remediation Summary**

<input type="checkbox"/> In Situ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ex Situ
_____ Bioremediation ( or enhanced bioremediation )	Yes _____ Excavate and offsite disposal
_____ Chemical oxidation	If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____ 4
_____ 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 initial decommissioning activities at the wellhead and tank battery.

# REMEDIATION PROGRESS UPDATE

## PERIODIC REPORTING

### Approved Reporting Schedule:

Quarterly     Semi-Annually     Annually     Other    Confirmation Sample Summary & Supplemental Site Investigation Proposal

### 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    Confirmation Sample Summary & Supplemental Site Investigation Proposal

## 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.
- Investigation and delineation is complete for organics in soil.
- Investigation and delineation of arsenic is ongoing.

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: \$ 15000

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 4

E&P waste (solid) description Hydrocarbon impacted soils

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: North Weld Waste Management Facility

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 tank battery, wellhead, and flowline abandonment 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. 03/15/2023

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 05/15/2024

## 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. 04/28/2022

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. \_\_\_\_\_

### SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 06/23/2022

Proposed site investigation commencement. 06/01/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. 09/30/2023

### REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 03/15/2023

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 05/15/2024

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:

Based on the evaluation of the soil analytical results and the need for supplemental site investigation activities, the proposed date of site investigation commencement and the proposed date of the completion of site investigation is proposed to span through the third quarter of 2023.

## OPERATOR COMMENT

Following land owner negotiations and approval of this form, PDC will conduct a supplemental site investigation to delineate arsenic concentrations in the vicinity of soil samples WH01-B @ 8', WH01-N @ 4', and WH01-S @ 4' collected in the wellhead excavation at the former Howard 14-18 wellhead. In addition, background soil borings will be advanced to evaluate arsenic concentrations in native material adjacent to the former Howard 14-18 wellhead.

Additionally, based on the analytical results and field observations recorded during the decommissioning of the Howard 14-18 tank battery, PDC is submitting a closure request for this location.

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: 05/23/2023

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: RICK ALLISON

Date: 05/31/2023

Remediation Project Number: 23602

## COA Type

## Description

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

403391800	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
403391869	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
403391871	SITE INVESTIGATION PLAN
403401961	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
403401962	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403401963	PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Total Attach: 6 Files

## General Comments

### User Group

### Comment

### Comment Date

User Group	Comment	Comment Date
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