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Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan (Initial 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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City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202		Mobile: (970) 902-3598
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 29978 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403360853

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: 483468	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: Divide Creek CS Blowdown Tank	Latitude: 39.390126	Longitude: -107.614336	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SWNE	Sec: 1	Twp: 8S	Range: 92W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SC Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Cropland
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? No

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

The surface water identified above is a stock pond found on the intermittent drainage feature east of the project which flows north to West Divide Creek.

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	Field assessment and 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.

During tank maintenance staining was encountered inside the secondary containment. Upon inspection, it was determined that the secondary containment liner is likely jeopardized and historical contamination is present. Upon discovery of historical impacts the, tank was bottomed out and isolated from use so that no additional contamination would occur. Following assessment the secondary containment will be re-built and the tank will be repaired and re-lined. Please refer to Form 19 Document numbers 403262436 and 403291201 for complete list of initial actions taken associated with the project.

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):

Following removal of effected equipment (tank and secondary containment), a full assessment will be undertaken. Soil samples will be collected to define vertical and lateral extents of any contamination that is present. Samples will be submitted for full Table 915-1 analysis list. Please see attached aerial photo, which defines initial area to be assessed.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

In the event that groundwater is encountered, Caerus will immediately notify the COGCC and attempt to collect a representative sample for analysis of COGCC Table 915-1 groundwater standards.

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):

Soil samples will be collected from an adjacent, undisturbed area to document background inorganic levels and concentration of the region.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected _____ 0
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 _____
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? _____
Approximate areal extent (square feet) _____

NA / ND

_____ Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) _____
_____ Highest concentration of SAR _____
BTEX > 915-1 _____
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) _____

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?

Following removal of effected equipment (tank and secondary containment), a full assessment will be undertaken. Soil samples will be collected to define vertical and lateral extents of any contamination that is present. Samples will be submitted for full Table 915-1 analysis list. Please see attached aerial photo, which defines initial area to be assessed.

REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

Once the extent of contamination has been delineated. Soil will either be excavated and hauled offsite for disposal, or in-situ remedial options will be evaluated.

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.

Once the extent of contamination has been delineated. Soil will either be excavated and hauled offsite for disposal, or in-situ remedial options will be evaluated.

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
_____ Natural Attenuation
_____ Other _____

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.

In the event that groundwater is encountered at the site during field investigation activities, Caerus will immediately notify the COGCC and attempt to collect a representative sample for COGCC Table 915-1 analysis.

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 _____

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: \$ 15000 _____

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: _____

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.

Caerus will return any excavations to the active working surface for continued operation.

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. _____

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 12/14/2022

Proposed site investigation commencement. 06/01/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. 08/01/2023

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 06/01/2023

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 09/01/2023

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

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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: Andy Verbonitz

Title: EHS Specialist

Submit Date: 05/23/2023

Email: averbonitz@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: 06/27/2023

Remediation Project Number: 29978

COA Type**Description**

	Submit Supplemental eForm 19 to request closure of Spill/Release ID #483468. Supplemental report shall comply with outstanding COAs, indicate that work is proceeding under an approved eForm 27 and shall reference the Remediation Project number assigned upon approval of this report.
	Operator shall collect soil samples from areas most likely to be impacted and shall collect an appropriate number of representative soil samples to delineate the horizontal and vertical extents of contamination, per Rule 915.e.(2).B.
	Operator shall collect sample(s) from comparable, nearby non-impacted native soil for purposes of establishing background soil conditions including pH, electrical conductivity (EC) and sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), per Rule 915.e.(2).D.
	Per Rule 913.b.(2), the Operator will conduct sampling and analysis of soil, and groundwater--if encountered, to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of any contamination in excess of the cleanup concentrations in Table 915-1 for soil and groundwater. The Operator shall analyze samples for the complete Table 915-1 list and shall compare analytical results for site investigation samples to both the Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations and the Protection of Groundwater Soil Screening Level Concentrations. Submit an assessment of potential pathways to groundwater via a Supplemental Form 27.
4 COAs	

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**

403360853	FORM 27-INITIAL-SUBMITTED
403410404	SITE INVESTIGATION PLAN

Total Attach: 2 Files

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