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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 Phone: (970) 902-3598 Mobile: (970) 902-3598
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 25158 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403149259

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: 482066	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: P27 595 1C-34 Flowline	Latitude: 39.579295	Longitude: -108.033164	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SESE	Sec: 27	Twp: 5S	Range: 95W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications GP Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Non-cropland 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

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

Groundwater was monitored in a soil boring east of the P27 well pad while the east fork Parachute Creek was flowing. The soil boring was associated with another project. The soil boring was dry to at least 40 feet below ground surface (extent of the soil boring). The P27 well pad is located at an elevation of 30' above the creek bed. This indicates that at the point of release, the depth to groundwater is located greater than 70' below ground surface.

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	Sampling 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.

Please refer to COGCC Document numbers 403023550 and 403035231 for initial actions taken in support of this project. Soil removal via hydrovac and confirmation soil sampling was completed at the wellhead on May 18, 2022, and at the production unit on May 24, 2022. Laboratory results from the wellhead excavation indicated exceedances of COGCC Table 915-1 Protection of Groundwater SSLs for EC, SAR, pH, Arsenic, Barium, Lead, and multiple SVOCs from the base and sidewall samples. Laboratory results from the production unit excavation indicated exceedances of Protection of Groundwater SSLs at the base and four sidewall samples for multiple analytes, including TPH, Benzene, SAR, pH Arsenic, Barium, Lead, and multiple SVOCs. Additional soil removal and sampling via hydrovac was conducted at the production unit on July 25, 2022, and October 7, 2022. Additional soil removal and sampling was conducted via hydrovac at the wellhead on October 7, 2022. As compared to Residential SSLs, laboratory results for the investigation indicates compliance with the exception of inorganics shown to be within known background concentrations.

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):

Caerus has determined the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination through confirmation sample collection and laboratory analysis.

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):

Caerus has collected surface water samples down-gradient of the release to ensure impacts to water were not encountered. Laboratory analytical results and sampling figure are outlined in the attached documents.

Additional Investigative Actions

Additional alternative investigative actions described in attached Site Investigation Plan (summary):

As part of the investigation on April 26, 2022, two background samples were collected from nearby undisturbed native soils and analyzed for soil suitability parameters and Arsenic. Background samples collected in the vicinity of the site as a part of a separate investigation on June 6, 2022 have also been utilized to reference background conditions.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 20

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 20

Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 500

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 664

-- Highest concentration of SAR 29.2

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 14

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

1 Number of surface water samples collected

0 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?

As outlined in the attached tables and figures.

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?

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 impacted areas were excavated via hydrovac truck and confirmation soil samples were collected from the excavation sidewalls and base to confirm all impacted native soils were removed.

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.

Based on the investigation, laboratory analytical results indicate all impacted soils have been removed from the wellhead area with exception to SAR at the west sidewall below the concrete cellar. SAR impacts have been delineated vertically and horizontally.

Caerus is in the process of evaluating the applicability of Rule 915.b at this location. Upon conclusion, additional implementation plans will be reported to the COGCC via Supplemental Form 27.

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.

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 Q4 2022 and Q1 2023 remediation 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: \$

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? No

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations?

Does Groundwater meet Table 915-1 standards? Yes

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.

The excavations have been backfilled and the area associated with this remediation project has been returned to active working surface.

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? No

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. 04/21/2022

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 04/21/2022

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 05/02/2022

Proposed site investigation commencement. 05/02/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. 09/29/2022

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

Based on the field investigation and laboratory analytical results outlined in the attached report of work completed, Caerus cannot currently move forward with additional remediation via excavation. The only exceedance of the project is SAR on the west wall which was horizontally delineated with the P27 (PH01)@8' sample. At the end of the life of the well pad, the wells will be P&A'd and remediation of the entire area will be completed. Until the wells are P&A'd the area is inaccessible due to the flowlines, gas lift lines, and wellheads, and concrete cellars found in the area.

Caerus is in the process of evaluating the applicability of Rule 915.b at this location. Upon conclusion, additional implementation plans will be reported to the COGCC via Supplemental Form 27.

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: 06/21/2023

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: 07/12/2023

Remediation Project Number: 25158

COA Type**Description**

	Under Remediation Summary and Operator Comment, Operator indicates that "Caerus is in the process of evaluating the applicability of Rule 915.b at this location. Upon conclusion, additional implementation plans will be reported to the COGCC via Supplemental Form 27." This project will remain on a quarterly reporting schedule per Rule 913.e.
	Submit Supplemental eForm 19 to request closure of Spill/Release ID #482066. 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.
2 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**

403224347	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
403227473	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
403227474	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
403461243	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 4 Files

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

Environmental	Approval of this Form 27 does not constitute ECMC approval for the Operator to leave documented SAR impacts in situ until this well pad is Plugged and Abandoned.	07/11/2023
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Total: 1 comment(s)