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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: NOBLE ENERGY INC	Operator No: 100322	Phone Numbers
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 26477 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403254637

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: 327804	API #: _____	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: UPRC-63N65W 1NESW	Latitude: 40.252960	Longitude: -104.613530	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: NESW	Sec: 1	Twp: 3N	Range: 65W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SW Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Cropland
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

Holding Pond 70ft N, 250ft NW

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	GROUNDWATER	NA	Lab analysis if encountered
UNDETERMINED	SOILS	NA	Lab 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.

A site investigation was conducted pursuant to COGCC Rule 911 at the UPRC SHELTON T3N-R65W-S1 L04 Tank Battery location.

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):

Grab confirmation soil samples were collected from the produced water vessel(s) excavation, beneath the ground oil tank(s), and at the separator(s). Soil samples were analyzed by a certified laboratory for TPH (total volatile [C6-C10] and extractable [C10-C36] hydrocarbons) organic compounds in soil per COGCC Table 915-1, and EC, SAR, pH, and boron. All samples collected were analyzed by a certified laboratory using approved COGCC laboratory analysis methods.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

Groundwater was not encountered during the site investigation.

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):

Visual inspection at the tank battery area occurred during abandonment activities. Field personnel field screened all disturbed areas using visual and olfactory senses to determine if laboratory confirmation sampling was required. The COGCC Flowline Closure and Wellhead Closure Checklists were utilized and filled out during the abandonment process. A photolog is attached.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 36
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 18
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 1094

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 727
Highest concentration of SAR _____
BTEX > 915-1 Yes
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 15

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) 0.009
2
-- Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l) 0.4
-- Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l) 0.079
-- Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l) 2
NA 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?

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.

Excavation

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.

As demonstrated by the soil sampling, petroleum impacted soil was removed from the UPRC 1-11J location by excavation. This was confirmed by analysis of soil samples collected from the exterior sidewalls and the floors of the three excavations, which were below the COGCC Table 915-1 PGSSLs for organic petroleum constituents upon completion of the excavation. Approximately 180 cubic yards of impacted soil were removed and transported to the landfill. The soil data are illustrated and summarized in the attached tables and figures.

Since groundwater was not observed in the excavation, Noble Energy Inc. (Noble) is requesting a no further action designation be granted using the COGCC Table 915-1 RSSLs based on a separation of approximately 147 feet between groundwater (measured in nearest stock well: DWR Permit No. 1638) and soil exceeding the PGSSLs preventing a clear pathway for elevated cadmium concentrations to communicate with groundwater. Additionally, Noble proposes to leave elevated concentrations of SAR in place since they exist 10 feet below the root zone and have been horizontally and vertically defined.

NFA is expected to be attained following review of this Form 27 submission.

Soil Remediation Summary

In Situ

Ex Situ

_____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

Yes _____ Excavate and offsite disposal

_____ Chemical oxidation

If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____ 180

_____ 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.

NA

REMEDIATION PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIODIC REPORTING

Approved Reporting Schedule:

Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually Other Closure Report

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 Supplemental Form 27

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.

Noble intends to directly address the costs of remediation at the locations as part of our asset retirement obligation process and operations. Noble has general liability insurance (policy MWZZ 316714) and financial assurance in compliance with COGCC rules. Records are available on the COGCC's website. The cost for remediation is an estimate only, costs may change upwards or downward based on site-specific information. Noble makes no representation or guarantees as to the accuracy of the estimate.

Operator anticipates the remaining cost for this project to be: \$ 0

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: _____

REMEDIATION COMPLETION REPORT

REMEDIATION COMPLETION SUMMARY

Is this a Final Closure Request for this Remediation Project? Yes

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.

Reclamation will be in accordance with COGCC 1000 Series Rules.

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. 08/16/2023

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 11/30/2023

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. 11/01/2022

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 02/07/2023

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). _____

Proposed site investigation commencement. 01/09/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. _____

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 04/18/2023

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 04/27/2023

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

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

Signed: Ethan Black

Title: Consultant

Submit Date: 08/18/2023

Email: ethanb@fremontenv.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: Alexander Ahmadian

Date: 09/15/2023

Remediation Project Number: 26477

COA Type**Description**

	ECMC approves Operator's request for use of Residential SSLs based on the depth to groundwater and the local lithology suggesting a pathway to groundwater at this location is not likely.
	Based on the information presented, the elevated soil suitability for reclamation parameters from the confirmation soil samples appear to be similar to background soil suitability. It appears that no further remedial action is necessary at this time and the ECMC approves the closure request. However, should future conditions at the site indicate contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding ECMC standards or background levels or if groundwater is found to be impacted, then further investigation and/or remediation activities may be required. The surface area disturbed by the remediation activity shall be reclaimed in accordance with the 1000 Series Reclamation Rules. For locations with active ongoing oil and gas operations, comply with Rule 1003 interim reclamation requirements and for locations that will no longer have active oil and gas operations, comply with Rule 1004 Final Reclamation requirements.
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**

403498344	INVESTIGATION/REMEDICATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
403501205	OTHER
403531824	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 3 Files

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