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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 #: 25882 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403210264

**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: <u>WELL</u>	Facility ID: _____	API #: <u>123-12354</u>	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>ECKHARDT 34-1</u>	Latitude: <u>40.353889</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.533333</u>	
	** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: <u>40.354018</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.533373</u>	
QtrQtr: <u>NWSE</u>	Sec: <u>34</u>	Twps: <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**

Nearest Well: Monitoring / Sampling - 1,303' E; Surface Water: Unnamed Creek - 577' S; Occupied Building: 1,432' ESE; Livestock: 758' SE; FWS Wetlands: 577' S Riverine (R5UBFx).

Flowline Conflict: Flowline Crosses Creek ~963' SW Along Flowline.

# SITE INVESTIGATION PLAN

## TYPE OF WASTE:

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E&P Waste      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other E&P Waste             | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-E&P Waste |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Produced Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Workover Fluids             | _____                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tank Bottoms                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Condensate     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pigging Waste               |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling Fluids           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rig Wash                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Cuttings            | <input type="checkbox"/> Spent Filters               |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Bottoms                 |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

On March 10, 2023, field screening and confirmation soil sampling activities were conducted in accordance with the ECMC Rule 911 during the decommissioning of the Eckhardt 34-1 Wellhead (Figure 1) and removal/partial in-place abandonment of the associated flowline (Figure 2). On March 13, 2023, based on the initial analytical results, it was determined that a historic release was discovered adjacent to the former wellhead. Following the discovery of the release, mitigation activities were initiated to delineate and remove hydrocarbon impacts. Approximately 9 cubic yards (CY) of impacted material were removed and transported to North Weld Waste Management Facility for disposal under PDC manifests. Source mass removal and confirmation sampling activities were discontinued on March 10, 2023, and will resume following landowner negotiations.

## 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 ):

On March 10, 2023, two soil samples (WH01-S & WH01-B) were collected from impacted source material adjacent to the cut and capped wellhead at depths of approximately 6 feet and 7 feet below ground surface (bgs), respectively. The soil samples were submitted for laboratory analysis of the full ECMC Table 915-1 analytical suite. Analytical results indicated that organic compounds were in exceedance of the applicable ECMC Table 915-1 standards and site specific COCs include: BTEX, naphthalene, 1,2,4-TMB, 1,3,5-TMB, TPH (C6-C36), benzo(a)pyrene, chrysene, fluoranthene, fluorene, pyrene, 1-M, 2-M, arsenic & lead. Soil analytical results are summarized in Tables 1-4. GPS coordinates and PID readings for the soil samples collected during confirmation sampling activities are summarized in Table 5. Soil sample locations are illustrated on Figures 1-2. The laboratory analytical reports are included in Attachment A. Field notes & photo log are included in Attachment B.

### Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

If groundwater is encountered during supplemental site investigation or confirmation soil sampling 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 ):

During initial closure activities conducted between March 10 and 14, 2023, soil encountered on site and below production equipment was visually inspected and field screened for volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations using a photoionization detector (PID). Per the approved proposed soil sampling plan, seven soil samples (FL01-01 - FL01-07) were collected every 250 feet along the flowline, on either side of high-priority habitats, such as a stream, and at the cut-and-capped portion of the abandoned flowline. Soil samples FL01-01 - FL01-04, FL01-06, & FL01-07 were submitted for laboratory analysis of BTEX, naphthalene, 1,2,4-TMB, 1,3,5-TMB, and TPH (C6-C36). Analytical results indicated organic concentrations were below ECMC Table 915-1 protection of groundwater SSLs.

# SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

## SAMPLE SUMMARY

### Soil

Number of soil samples collected 8

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 2

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 100

### NA / ND

           Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)           

           Highest concentration of SAR           

BTEX > 915-1 Yes

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 7

### Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 0

Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? Yes

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) 9

Volume of liquid waste (barrels) 0

Is further site investigation required?

Based on the final analytical results, supplemental source mass removal activities will be conducted to remove remaining hydrocarbon impacted material via mechanical excavation in the vicinity of the failed soil samples WH01-S and WH01-B.

Up to five (5) background soil borings will be advanced in native material adjacent to the final excavation extent to assess ECMC Table 915-1 metal concentrations in native soil. Locations will be determined based on the final excavation event and will be advanced in areas not affected by oil and gas activities.

## 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 10, 2023, approximately 9 cubic yards of impacted material were excavated adjacent to the former wellhead and transported to the North Weld Waste Management Facility in Ault, CO for disposal under a PDC waste manifest. Remaining hydrocarbon impacted material will be removed via mechanical excavation and transported to a licensed disposal facility in accordance with Rules 905 and 906 pending landowner approval.

### 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 supplemental source mass removal activities, confirmation soil samples will be collected from the base and sidewalls of the final excavation extent. The soil samples will be submitted for laboratory analysis of the ECMC approved COC analyte suite. Supplemental source mass removal activities will be scheduled following approval of this form and landowner approval. Final analytical results will be summarized in a forthcoming Supplemental Form 27 within 90 days of completing the proposed scope of work or receipt of final analytical results.

### **Soil Remediation Summary**

In Situ

Ex Situ

\_\_\_\_\_ Bioremediation ( or enhanced bioremediation )

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Excavate and offsite disposal

\_\_\_\_\_ Chemical oxidation

If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) \_\_\_\_\_ 9

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Eckhardt 34-1 wellhead or associated flowline.

# 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.

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.

- Source mass removal and confirmation sampling will be conducted to confirm the absence of hydrocarbon impacts in soil adjacent to the wellhead release.
- Native material assessment of ECMC Table 915-1 metals is ongoing.
- Facility and infrastructure were decommissioned and the location will be reclaimed in accordance with the ECMC 1000 Series.

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: \$ 50000

## 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:

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards 9

E&P waste (solid) description Hydrocarbon Impacted Soil

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

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: North Weld 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 supplemental source mass removal activities at the former wellhead location, the location will be backfilled, compacted, and re-contoured to match pre-existing conditions. The location will be reclaimed in accordance with the ECMC 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? \_\_\_\_\_ No

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. 03/10/2023

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 06/09/2028

## 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. 05/04/2022

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 03/13/2023

### SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 11/17/2022

Proposed site investigation commencement. 10/01/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. 12/31/2023

### REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 10/01/2023

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 12/31/2023

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:

Based on the evaluation of the soil analytical results and the need for supplemental source mass removal, the proposed date of site investigation commencement and the proposed date of the completion of site investigation was adjusted to span through the fourth quarter of 2023.

**OPERATOR COMMENT**

This form is being submitted as a third quarter 2023 timeline update for the Eckhardt 34-1 wellhead.

Following landowner approval, supplemental source mass removal activities via mechanical excavation will be initiated to address the hydrocarbon impacts identified adjacent to the former Eckhardt 34-1 wellhead. Supplemental Form 27s will be prepared and submitted on a quarterly schedule to provide updates and progress of the remediation until closure criteria has been achieved.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Remediation Project Number: 25882

**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**

403530527	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403530529	PHOTO DOCUMENTATION
403530531	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
403530533	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP

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