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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

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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 33363 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403624680

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>LOCATION</u>	Facility ID: <u>433753</u>	API #: _____	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>Circle B Production Pad 6-66-9</u>	Latitude: <u>40.508050</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.785300</u>	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: <u>40.507748</u>		Longitude: <u>-104.785830</u>	
QtrQtr: <u>NENW</u>	Sec: <u>9</u>	Twps: <u>6N</u>	Range: <u>66W</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: Temporary Dewatering Well - 1,281' NE; Surface Water: Freshwater Pond - 172' S; Occupied Building: 155' NW; Livestock: 147' S; FWS Wetlands: 460' E Riverine (R5UBFx); 100-Year Floodplain 206' E of Tank Battery.

**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	SOILS	TBD	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 ECMC Rule 911, this form serves as notification for the decommissioning and abandonment of the Merritt sec 9 production facility. The ground and sub-surfaces will be visually inspected for hydrocarbon impacts during equipment decommissioning. In addition, on-site dump lines located between the separator and tank battery will be removed by pulling from either end during decommissioning activities. Field observations and photo documentation will be recorded in a field inspection form for submittal to the ECMC.

**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 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 ECMC. Soil samples will be submitted for laboratory analysis of the full Table 915-1 analytical suite by ECMC approved methods. See the attached Figure 1 for an illustration of the facility layout and proposed soil sample locations.

**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, chloride and sulfate anions by EPA Method 300.0, and total dissolved solids (TDS) by Method SM 2540C.

**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 ):

If a produced water vessel is present, discrete soil samples will be collected from the base of the excavation and excavation sidewall in areas most likely to be impacted and exhibiting the highest field screened VOC concentration. The soil samples will be submitted for laboratory analysis of the full Table 915-1 analytical suite by ECMC approved methods. Assessment of off location flowlines will be addressed with their respective wellheads under a separate Form 27.

**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?

## REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

### SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

Any hydrocarbon impacted material will be transported off-site to a licensed disposal facility in accordance with Rules 905 and 906.

### 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.

If reportable hydrocarbon impacts, as defined in Rule 912.b., are discovered, a site-specific remediation plan will be developed and submitted via a Supplemental Form 27. If reportable impacts are not encountered, a Supplemental Form 27 closure request will be submitted within 90 days of abandonment and/or decommissioning activities.

### Soil Remediation Summary

In Situ

Ex Situ

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Chemical oxidation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction  
\_\_\_\_\_ Natural Attenuation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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    90 Days Post Completion

### 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.

- Assessment activities as outlined herein are proposed.

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: \$ 5000 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

Reclamation will be conducted in accordance with ECMC 1004 Series Rules.

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. 10/26/2023

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

### SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 01/03/2024

Proposed site investigation commencement. 01/03/2024

Proposed completion of site investigation. \_\_\_\_\_

### 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:

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**OPERATOR COMMENT**

This Form 27 serves as notification for the closure of the Merritt sec 9 tank battery and associated on-location equipment. Decommissioning activities are planned to begin the week of January 3, 2024. This schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, delays, and/or changes in weather.

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: 12/19/2023

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: Nick Cholas

Date: 12/27/2023

Remediation Project Number: 33363

**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**

403624680	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (INITIAL)
403624899	SITE INVESTIGATION PLAN
403637793	FORM 27-INITIAL-SUBMITTED

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