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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 #: 8255 Initial Form 27 Document #: 2147922

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: LINED EARTHEN PIT CLOSURE

SITE INFORMATION

No Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: PIT	Facility ID: 278619	API #:	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: NP EF C27 595	Latitude: 39.589010	Longitude: -108.043950	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude:		Longitude:	
QtrQtr: NENW	Sec: 27	Twp: 5S	Range: 95W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications MH Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use 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

Ben Good Creek is located approximately 0.01 miles southeast and the East Fork of Parachute Creek is located approximately 0.4 miles south of the Location. Although a groundwater well is shown to exist approximately 0.18 miles southeast, permit history for the Colorado Division of Water Resources permit MH-44238 show that this well was never constructed.

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	Soil 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.

Initial actions taken to support the project can be found on COGCC Document 400815171 and in the attached Report of Work Completed (ROWC).

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 will continue the advancement of proposed soil borings to characterize both pits and delineate soil impacts. Potential pathways to groundwater will be evaluated once soil impacts are fully delineated vertically. Proposed soil boring locations are presented on the attached Site Diagram. Additional soil borings may be advanced if field screening and observations indicate impacts to soil. Soil samples will be analyzed for all COGCC Table 915-1 soil constituents of concern. See the attached ROWC for details.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

Groundwater is not anticipated to be encountered during site investigation activities. If groundwater is encountered, Caerus will attempt to collect a sample for characterization.

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):

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

NA / ND

Number of soil samples collected 152

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 129

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 13000

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 8800

-- Highest concentration of SAR 80

BTEX > 915-1 Yes

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 58

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 0

Number of groundwater samples exceeding 915-1 0

NA Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l)

NA Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)

NA Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l)

NA Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l)

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?

See Proposed Sampling Plan and the attached ROWC.

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.

Based on a demonstrated consistent decrease in hydrocarbon impacts at the Location, the increase in air flow in the soil vapor extraction (SVE) system, and continual photoionization detector (PID) readings from the SVE trailer exhaust, Caerus plans to continue to use SVE to remediate soil impacts.

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.

See the attached ROWC for a summary of site investigation and remediation to date.

Between February 21 and March 7, 2023, Confluence coordinated and oversaw additional investigation activities associated with the pits at the Location. Eight soil borings were advanced using a track mounted drill rig to delineate soil impacts. At least two soil samples were collected from each soil boring, totaling 37 soil samples, to delineate soil impacts associated with the pit. Soil borings were logged using 2-foot stainless steel split-spoons every 5 vertical feet. Based on the analysis of data collected to date, organic and inorganic exceedances of COGCC Table 915-1 Protection of Groundwater Screening Levels remain undelineated in the pit area. Soil impacts have not been delineated vertically or horizontally at the Location.

Soil Remediation Summary

☒ In Situ

☐ Ex Situ

Yes Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

Excavate and offsite disposal

No Chemical oxidation
Yes Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
Yes Natural Attenuation
No Other _____

If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____

Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or COGCC Facility ID # _____

Excavate and onsite remediation

No Land Treatment
No Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)
No Chemical oxidation
No 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 has not been encountered during site investigation activities to date. If groundwater is encountered during future site investigation activities, Caerus will attempt to collect a sample for characterization.

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 Q3 2023 SVE REM 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: \$ 150000

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? 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.

The footprint for the backfilled pit occurs within the boundary of this location. During reclamation, the backfilled pit may be part of the pad's working surface and/or covered by recontoured and reseeded slopes installed to meet reclamation objectives. The Form 4 (Notification of Completion) submitted for this project will identify the reclamation status of the location at the time of pit closure. Interim and final reclamation activities will be carried out in accordance with COGCC 1000 Series (Reclamation Regulations).

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? _____

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). 04/07/2014

Proposed site investigation commencement. 09/19/2014

Proposed completion of site investigation. 09/01/2024

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 09/19/2014

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

This form has been submitted to provide a 3rd Quarter Status Update to Remediation Project 8255. Caerus will continue to conduct quarterly SVE events at the site.

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

Signed: Blair Rollins

Title: Environmental Specialist

Submit Date: 12/20/2023

Email: brollins@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: 01/25/2024

Remediation Project Number: 8255

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**

403621944	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
403621946	REMEDIATION PROGRESS REPORT

Total Attach: 2 Files

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

Environmental	Comply with outstanding COAs.	01/25/2024
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