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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 #: 19864 Initial Form 27 Document #: 402631546

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: 415180	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: Story Gulch Unit 8505A-36 B36496	Latitude: 39.664206	Longitude: -108.113367	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: Lot 2	Sec: 36	Twp: 4S	Range: 96W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications CL Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Forest

Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? No Is surface water within 1/4 mile? No

Is groundwater less than 20 feet below ground surface? No

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

An unnamed ephemeral tributary to Schutte Creek is located 0.22 miles to the east.

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	To be determined	Soil sampling and laboratory results

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

Description of initial action or emergency response measures take to abate, investigate, and/or remediate impacts associated with E&P Waste.

Between March 12, 2010 and February 15, 2011, five separate releases occurred on the Location. All Spill/Release Point IDs have been closed under Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) Remediation Project 19864. Please refer to Form 19 Documents 2524363, 2524496, 2523460, 2607774, 2523034 and the ROWC associated with document 403580898 for details regarding the individual releases, immediate actions taken to abate, investigate, and remediate impacts associated with the historical spills.

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):

Approved remedial soil amendments will be applied in spring or summer of 2024 once weather conditions allow. Approximately one month after treatment has been applied, soil samples will be collected within the investigation area from areas with observed pH exceedances. Soil samples will be submitted for the approved reduced analyte list of pH. See the ROWC associated with Document 403580898 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. If groundwater is encountered during site investigation activities, Caerus will attempt to collect a groundwater 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

Number of soil samples collected 53

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 48

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 90000

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

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 239

-- Highest concentration of SAR 21.9

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 5

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?

Background soil samples were collected October 7, 2021 in support of this investigation. See the ROWC associated with Document 403369156 for details.

☐ 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 the Proposed Soil Sampling section and ROWC associated with Document 403580898 for details.

REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

Does this Supplemental Form 27A include changes to a previously approved Remedial Action Plan? Yes

SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

A chemical treatment to remediate the pH exceedances within the release area using a mild concentration of citric acid and molasses will be applied over top of the impacted area and allowed to naturally permeate through the shallow shale and into areas where pH exceedances remain. The additional acids developed within the soil will result in a decrease in pH levels. Following treatment, Caerus will confirm the extent of impacts are defined and the treatment was successful in reducing the pH concentration to within Table 915-1 RSSL concentration levels. This treatment approach was approved via Document 403580898.

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 ROWC associated with document 403580898 for details of several investigations regarding the historical spills at the Location.

Based on the October 20, 2022, investigation, Caerus submitted Form 27 Document 403369156 to request a reduced analyte list of pH and to request an alternative allowable limit for arsenic of 7.14 mg/kg. The ECMC approved Document 403369156 and the associated requests on May 23, 2023.

On July 18, 2023, Confluence coordinated and oversaw the advancement of potholes to delineate pH impacts vertically, as well as to the west, south, and north of the PH05 excavation. Four potholes were advanced via hydrovacuum truck to depths of 2.5 to 4 feet below ground surface (bgs). Analytical results of the PH05 pothole samples indicate pH values exceeding ECMC Table 915-1 RSSLs within three of the potholes. See the ROWC associated with Document 403580898 for details.

Soil Remediation Summary

☒ In Situ

Yes _____ 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.

If groundwater is encountered during site investigation activities, Caerus will attempt to collect a representative 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 Q4 2023 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: \$ 10000

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? _____

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.

Any disturbance of the pad surface will be returned to the active working surface of the location for continued operation. When the site is decommissioned at a later date, it will be reclaimed in accordance with 1000 Series regulations.

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. _____

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. 06/29/2010

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 03/26/2021

Proposed site investigation commencement. 09/08/2021

Proposed completion of site investigation. _____

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 09/08/2021

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 4th Quarter 2023 status update to Remediation Project 19864. No work was conducted during Q4. The approved site investigation and remediation strategy will continue once weather conditions allow. See ROWC associated with Document 403580898 for details.

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: 01/16/2024

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: 02/09/2024

Remediation Project Number: 19864

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**

403651116	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
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Total Attach: 1 Files

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

Environmental	Comply with outstanding COAs.	02/09/2024
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