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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: CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	Operator No: 10456	Phone Numbers
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 29222 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403336688

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: 334587	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: GMR-66S93W 33SESE	Latitude: 39.478120	Longitude: -107.773690	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SESE	Sec: 33	Twp: 6S	Range: 93W
Meridian: 6	Sensitive Area? Yes		

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SC

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Non-Cropland

Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? Yes

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

Ramsey Gulch, an intermittent drainage, is located 0.35 miles north of the Location. Occupied structures are present 0.3 miles north, south, southeast, and southwest of the Location.

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.

On December 1, 2022, the operator noticed liquids coming to the surface near the dumpline. A pressure test was completed, confirming a line failure. An unknown volume of produced water and condensate was released from the dumpline. The release was reported via ECMC Form 19 Document 403246841 to open Spill/Release Point ID 483402. ECMC Form 27 Document 403336688 was later submitted to open Remediation Project 29222.

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):

Soil samples will be collected as needed to delineate the vertical and horizontal extent of soil impacts. Background samples may be collected to characterize native levels of inorganic constituents at the Location. Soil samples will be analyzed for the approved reduced analyte list of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), xylenes, 1,2,4 trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5 trimethylbenzene, naphthalene, SAR, pH, boron, arsenic, and hexavalent chromium. See the F27-I associated with Document 403336688 for details.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

Caerus does not anticipate encountering groundwater during site investigation activities. If groundwater is encountered, Caerus will collect a representative sample for analysis.

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 4

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 4

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 1470

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) 8653

-- Highest concentration of SAR 37.4

BTEX > 915-1 Yes

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 16

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) 150

Volume of liquid waste (barrels) 0

☒ Is further site investigation required?

See Proposed Sampling and the F27-I associated with Document 403336688 for details.

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.

Caerus is in the process of determining the extent of impacts associated with the project. Once determined, Caerus will provide a remediation strategy for ECMC review and approval on a Supplemental Form 27.

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.

On February 8 and 9, 2023, initial soil sampling was conducted to characterize soil impacts at the point of release (POR). Two separate PORs had been identified on the same dumpline, one on the 90-degree connection behind the separator and one on the 90-degree connection at the tank battery. Both PORs had been excavated to 6 feet below ground surface (bgs), and the failed dumpline was removed. Four soil samples were collected from the excavation areas. The approximate extent of excavation efforts reached 147 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 16.5 feet bgs. A composite soil sample of soil overburden was collected to confirm compliance with Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels. Analytical results of the excavation samples indicate compliance with ECMC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels except for TPH, xylenes, 1,2,4 trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5 trimethylbenzene, naphthalene, SAR, pH, boron, arsenic, and hexavalent chromium. Analytical results of the overburden soil stockpile indicate compliance with ECMC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels except for pH and arsenic.

Caerus removed approximately 150 cubic yards of impacted soil for offsite disposal. Once the excavation extent was determined to be unsafe, Caerus backfilled the excavation with clean imported backfill to allow for vertical and horizontal delineation with the use of an environmental drill rig. Once the extent of contamination can be determined, Caerus will propose a remediation strategy for ECMC review. See the F27-I associated with Document 403336688 for site investigation details.

Soil Remediation Summary

☐ In Situ

_____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

_____ Chemical oxidation

_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction

_____ Natural Attenuation

_____ Other _____

☒ Ex Situ

Yes _____ Excavate and offsite disposal

_____ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____ 150

_____ 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.

In the event that groundwater is encountered during any phase of the project, Caerus will notify the ECMC and collect a representative sample for analysis.

REMEDATION 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: \$ 75000

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:

No beneficial use of impacted soil.

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards 150

E&P waste (solid) description Hydrocarbon Impacted Soil

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: Greenleaf Environmental Services - DeBeque, Colorado

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels 0

E&P waste (liquid) description

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility:

REMEDATION COMPLETION REPORT

REMEDATION 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 will be returned to the active working surface of the well pad 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. 12/01/2022

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 12/01/2022

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 02/08/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 02/08/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. 08/01/2025

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 02/08/2023

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 09/01/2026

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 update to Remediation Project 29222. No work was conducted during Q4. The approved site investigation will continue at a later date.

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: 01/17/2024

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: 02/12/2024

Remediation Project Number: 29222

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**

403652083	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
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Total Attach: 1 Files

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

Environmental	Comply with outstanding COAs.	02/12/2024
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