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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 ECMC 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 #: 30186 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403442418

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: 324206	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: PUCKET-66S97W 36SWNE	Latitude: 39.485330	Longitude: -108.164250	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SWNE	Sec: 36	Twp: 6S	Range: 97W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications OL Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Rangeland

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

Unnamed seasonal drainage located 300 feet south.

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
No	SOILS	No impacts identified	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 June 27, 2023, Initial Form 27 Document 403442418 was submitted as notification to remove the partially buried vessel (PBV) and to open Remediation Project Number 30186.

On September 7, 2023, following the removal of the PBV, an investigation was completed. Five soil samples were collected from the PBV excavation: one from the base of the excavation at 7 feet below ground surface (bgs) and one from each sidewall at 6 feet bgs. Additionally, two background samples were collected from comparable, nearby, non-impacted soil to establish background levels of inorganic constituents. Analytical results of excavation soil samples indicate compliance with ECOM Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels (RSSLs) except for pH and arsenic. The north sidewall sample reported a pH value of 8.33 and arsenic exceeded in all samples with concentrations ranging from 7.74 to 17.8 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). Analytical results of background samples indicate arsenic levels exceeding Table 915-1 RSSLs with concentrations ranging from 7.36 to 14.6 mg/kg. See attached Report of Work Completed (ROWC) for additional details.

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):

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

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 5

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 5

Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 0

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 442

-- Highest concentration of SAR 0.769

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 0

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?

Two background soil samples were collected from comparable, nearby, non-impacted native areas and submitted for laboratory analysis of specific conductance (EC), sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), pH, boron (hot water soluble), and Table 915-1 metals. See the attached ROWC 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?

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.

Impacts were not identified and source removal is not required.

REMEDATION 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.

Although a pH exceedance was detected in the investigation area, produced water characterization data referenced from three nearby sites that produce from the same formation as the Location (Williams Fork-Cameo) indicate it is not attributed to oil and gas production. Analytical results indicate pH values of 6.99, 6.70, and 6.72. Considering the common production zone and distance and direction from the Location, it is reasonable to conclude these results are representative of source characterization at the Location. Based on this information, Caerus requests consideration of ECMC Rule 915.e.(2).C to remove pH as a constituent of concern for this remediation project.

Although arsenic exceedances were detected in the investigation area, background samples indicate they are not attributed to oil and gas production. Analytical results indicate a background arsenic concentration of 14.6 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). Therefore, Caerus requests an alternative allowable limit for arsenic of 18.25 mg/kg, in accordance with ECMC Table 915-1 Footnote 11.

Based on activities conducted to date as outlined in the attached ROWC, and assuming the proposed requests are approved, Caerus concludes impacts associated with the PBV are not present at the Location and requests closure for Remediation Project 30186 with a no further action (NFA) determination.

Soil Remediation Summary

☐ In Situ

_____ 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.

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 Status Update and Closure Request

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: \$ 0

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

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility:

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels

E&P waste (liquid) description

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility:

REMEDIATION COMPLETION REPORT

REMEDIATION COMPLETION SUMMARY

Is this a Final Closure Request for this Remediation Project? Yes

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? Yes

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations? Yes

Does Groundwater meet Table 915-1 standards? Yes

Is additional groundwater monitoring to be conducted? _____

Operator shall comply with the ECMC 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. _____

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. _____

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 09/07/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 09/07/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. 09/07/2023

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:

OPERATOR COMMENT

Division of Water Resources well permit 271289, located approximately 0.2 miles southwest of the Location, lists depth to groundwater as 234 feet bgs. The well sits at approximately the same elevation as the Location. Based on this information, it is estimated that depth to groundwater at the Location is greater than 100 feet bgs.

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

Signed: Jake Janicek

Title: EHS Specialist

Submit Date: 02/13/2024

Email: jjanicek@caerusoilandgas.com

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan complies with ECMC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

ECMC Approved: Steven Arauza

Date: 03/05/2024

Remediation Project Number: 30186

COA Type

Description

	Based on review of information presented it appears that no further action is necessary at this time, and ECMC approves the closure request. However, should future conditions at the site indicate contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding ECMC standards or if surface and/or ground water is found to be impacted, then further investigation and/or remediation activities will be required at the site. In addition, the non-working surface area disturbed by the remediation activity shall be reclaimed in accordance with the 1000 Series Reclamation Rules including the establishment of vegetative cover on non-cropland and successful growth on cropland. Landowner must approve reclamation of cropland.
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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

403550561	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
403661094	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
403708131	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

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