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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 #: 30196 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403442325

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: 334977	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: PUCKETT-67S96W 6SWNW	Latitude: 39.466670	Longitude: -108.158530	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SWNW	Sec: 6	Twp: 7S	Range: 96W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

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? Yes

Is groundwater less than 20 feet below ground surface? No

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

Starkey Gulch is located approximately 234 feet east 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 Lab 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 28, 2023, Initial Form 27 Document 403442325 was submitted with an investigation plan to serve as notification to remove the partially buried vessel (PBV) at the Location and to open Remediation Project 30196.

On December 19, 2023, initial sampling was conducted to characterize the excavation following the removal of the PBV. Five soil samples were collected: one from the base of the excavation at 9 feet below ground surface (bgs) and one from each sidewall at 6 feet bgs. Additionally, four background soil samples were collected from comparable, nearby, non-impacted soil to establish native levels of inorganic constituents. Analytical results of excavation samples indicate compliance with Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels (RSSLs) except for benzo(a)pyrene, pH, and arsenic. Analytical results of background soil samples are within Table 915-1 RSSLs except for pH and arsenic.

As part of the investigation, produced water tank samples obtained from the nearby Starkey 7 (ECMC Location ID 335092), Mesa 17 (ECMC Location ID 335527), and Mesa 2 (ECMC Location ID 334633) well pads were referenced for source characterization. The Starkey 7 well pad is located 0.85 miles northeast, Mesa 17 is located 2.85 miles northwest, and Mesa 2 is located 1.10 miles southeast and all produce from the same formation (Williams Fork-Cameo) as the Location. Analytical results did not detect arsenic. 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):

Additional sampling is proposed to delineate the extent of benzo(a)pyrene east of the PBV excavation. Prior to additional sampling, Caerus requests a reduced analyte list of only those analytes (benzo(a)pyrene) that soil sample 20231219-STARKEY 3-(EW)@6 exhibited exceedances for. Proposed sample locations are illustrated on the Initial Investigation diagram associated with the attached ROWC.

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? No
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 144

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 64.7
-- Highest concentration of SAR 0.267
BTEX > 915-1 No
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 6

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?

On December 19, 2023, four background soil samples were collected from comparable, nearby, non-impacted soil to establish native levels of inorganic constituents. 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?

See Proposed Sampling 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.

The impacts are considered historic so identifying a source cannot be completed.

REMEDIAL 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 arsenic concentrations exceeding Table 915-1 RSSLs are present in the investigation area, source water characterization data indicates these levels are not reasonably attributed to oil and gas production at the Location. Considering the common production zone and consistent data derived from the Williams Fork-Cameo formation north and south of the Location, it is reasonable to assume the results are representative of source characterization at the Location. Therefore, Caerus requests consideration of Rule 915.e.(2).C to remove arsenic as a constituent of concern based on the process knowledge that produced water derived from the Williams Fork-Cameo Formation does not contain arsenic above lab detection limits.

In order to address pH exceedances, Caerus requests use of Table 915-1 Footnote 1 to establish an alternative allowable limit of 8.42 for pH based on background soil sample data.

Assuming the proposed requests are approved, benzo(a)pyrene is the only constituent of concern detected in the investigation area exceeding Table 915-1 RSSLs or alternative allowable limits. Caerus proposes to conduct additional site investigation to delineate impacts identified during the initial investigation. Prior to additional sampling, Caerus requests a reduced analyte list of benzo(a)pyrene. Once impacts have been delineated, Caerus will submit a remediation plan via Supplemental Form 27. See Proposed Sampling section and the attached ROWC for additional details.

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 Q4 2023 Status 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? 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? 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 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). 12/19/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 12/19/2023

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:

OPERATOR COMMENT

The closest surface water, Starkey Gulch, sits approximately 290 feet lower in elevation than the Location; therefore, groundwater at the Location is estimated to be 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: 30196

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**

403644954	INVESTIGATION/REMEDIATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
403685915	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
403708236	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 3 Files

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

Environmental	Comply with outstanding COAs.	03/05/2024
Environmental	Based on the information provided for soil samples (doc #403685915), the Operator's request for a reduced analyte suite of benzo(a)pyrene only is conditionally approved.	03/05/2024

Total: 2 comment(s)