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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: NOBLE ENERGY INC	Operator No: 100322	Phone Numbers
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 22490 Initial Form 27 Document #: 402982220

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: 420814	API #: _____	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: QC USX A32-19 Tank	Latitude: 40.449490	Longitude: -104.581030	
	** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 40.449459	Longitude: -104.581104	
QtrQtr: NWNW	Sec: 32	Twp: 6N	Range: 64W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SW Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use crop

Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? Yes 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

HPH: none, riverine ~0.11 mi W, buildings ~0.22 mi SW

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	14'x15'x8' deep	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.

A site investigation will be conducted pursuant to COGCC Rule 911 at the RUBIX JOHNSON QC T6N-R64W-S32 L01 Tank Battery location.

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):

Grab confirmation soil samples were collected from the three (3) produced water vessels excavation, two (2) beneath the ground oil tanks, and at the two (2) separators. Soil samples were analyzed by a certified laboratory for TPH (total volatile [C6-C10] and extractable [C10-C36] hydrocarbons), organic compounds in soil per COGCC Table 915-1, and EC, SAR, pH, and boron. All samples collected were analyzed by a certified laboratory using approved COGCC laboratory analysis methods.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

Groundwater was not encountered.

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):

Visual inspection at the tank battery area occurred during abandonment activities. Field personnel field screened all disturbed areas using visual and olfactory senses to determine if laboratory confirmation sampling was required. The COGCC Tank Battery and Produced Water Vessel Closure Checklists were utilized and filled out during the abandonment process. A photolog is attached.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 17

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 8

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 210

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 0

Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? No

Depth to groundwater (below ground surface, in feet)

Number of groundwater monitoring wells installed

Number of groundwater samples exceeding 915-1

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.

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 300

-- Highest concentration of SAR 0.877

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 8

ND Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l)

ND Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)

ND Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l)

-- Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l) 0.01

NA Highest concentration of Methane (mg/l)

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?**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.

Excavation

REMEDIAL ACTION 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.

Five background samples were collected in native soil, from similar depths and lithologies as the previously collected excavation confirmation samples and analyzed for arsenic (As) and pH. Concentrations of As were cleared by the background sample in four of the five excavation confirmation samples. pH was not cleared by any of the background samples is slightly outside the ECOM Table 915-1 soil suitability range for inorganics. See attached As and pH delineation update report.

The operator will request to leave elevated inorganics in place using a comprehensive reclamation plan to confirm the assertion that elevated concentrations of pH and As do not pose a threat to future agricultural activities based on their respective depths below the root zone. NFA is expected to be achieved within 90 days of receipt of the reclamation plan.

Soil Remediation Summary☐ In Situ☒ Ex Situ

_____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)
_____ Chemical oxidation
_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
_____ Natural Attenuation
_____ Other _____

Yes _____ Excavate and offsite disposal
_____ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____ 62
_____ 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.

NA

REMEDIATION PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIODIC REPORTING

Approved Reporting Schedule:

☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Annually ☒ Other within 90 days of receipt of reclamation plan

☐ 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 Subsequent Report

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.

Noble intends to directly address the costs of remediation at the locations as part of our asset retirement obligation process and operations. Noble has general liability insurance (policy MWZZ 316714) and financial assurance in compliance with ECMC rules. Records are available on the ECMC's website. The cost for remediation is an estimate only, costs may change upwards or downward based on site-specific information. Noble makes no representation or guarantees as to the accuracy of the estimate.

Operator anticipates the remaining cost for this project to be: \$ 2000

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

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards 62

E&P waste (solid) description hydrocarbon impacted soil

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility: North Weld Landfill in Ault, CO

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

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? No

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations?

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.

Reclamation will be in accordance with COGCC 1000 Series Rules.

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. 06/28/2024

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. 11/19/2021

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 06/14/2022

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). _____

Proposed site investigation commencement. 04/11/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. _____

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 12/07/2022

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 03/29/2024

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:

Background delineation of As and pH did not clear elevated concentrations observed in the excavation confirmation samples.

OPERATOR COMMENT

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

Signed: Ethan Black

Title: Consultant

Submit Date: 12/21/2023

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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: RICK ALLISON

Date: 03/06/2024

Remediation Project Number: 22490

COA Type**Description**

	Operator has checked "Other within 90 days of receipt of reclamation plan" as a reporting schedule. Operator shall adhere to a quarterly reporting schedule.
	Operator shall collect soil samples to document the pH of soil within the root zone based on the proposed plant community.
	ECMC does not agree with Operator's statement: "Concentrations of As were cleared by the background sample in four of the five excavation confirmation samples." Operator shall provide additional data that justifies the elimination of arsenic as a contaminant of concern, or that arsenic concentrations in confirmation soil samples are within 1.25 x the background arsenic concentrations.
3 COAs	

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**

403633596	INVESTIGATION/REMEDIATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
403633739	OTHER
403709602	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

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