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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 #: 34374 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403685297

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: Second Quarter (Q2) Status Update to Remediation Project Number (RPN) 34374

SITE INFORMATION

No Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: SPILL OR RELEASE Facility ID: 485969 API #: County Name: GARFIELD  
Facility Name: N36NWB Dumpline Release Latitude: 39.478109 Longitude: -107.727602  
\*\* correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 39.478109 Longitude: -107.727602  
QtrQtr: SESW Sec: 36 Twp: 6S Range: 93W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications OH Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Agriculture  
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**

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# 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          | 20x20x10         | Soil Sampling  |

## INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

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

Please reference the State of Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) Form 19 for Spill/Release Point ID Number 485969 for initial emergency response measures taken.

Information about the initial point of release (POR) assessment completed prior to Q2 can be referenced in ECMC Initial Form 27 DN 403685297.

On March 25 and 26, 2024, five investigative soil borings (potholes) were advanced using a hydro-vacuum truck (hydro-vac) in an attempt to delineate previously identified impacts at the point of release (POR) location. One pothole was advanced immediately adjacent to the POR location to a total depth of 13 below ground surface (bgs). Four subsequent potholes were advanced in each cardinal direction of the POR location outside of the metal tank containment. Each of these pothole locations were field screened at 5-foot intervals from 5 feet bgs to each pothole terminus. Total depths of the investigative soil borings ranged from 10 bgs to 13.5 feet bgs. The soil was characterized by visually inspecting the soil and field screening the soil head space using a handheld photo-ionization detector (PID) to monitor for the presence or absence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). One to two confirmation soil samples were collected from each soil boring using a hand auger and were submitted for laboratory analysis of constituents listed in the reduced sampling suite per ECMC DN 403685297.

Please see the attached report of work completed (ROWC) for more in-depth information about soil characterization and field screening, supporting figures, and a discussion of the analytical results.

## 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 ):

Please see the "Remediation Summary" Section for details concerning future soil sample collection.

### 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 ):

Please refer to the "Remediation Summary" section of this form for additional details on future source removal activities at the site.

# SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

## SAMPLE SUMMARY

### Soil

Number of soil samples collected 9  
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 8  
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes  
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 400

### NA / ND

-- 1 Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)  
-- 3.74 Highest concentration of SAR  
BTEX > 915-1 Yes  
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 10

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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) \_\_\_\_\_ Volume of liquid waste (barrels) \_\_\_\_\_

Is further site investigation required?

Please refer to the "Proposed Soil Sampling" section of this form for additional details on future source removal activities at the site.

## 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 source is a failed dumpline. The dumpline will be replaced.

### 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.

Caerus plans to mechanically excavate the shallow and isolated ECMC Table 915-1 exceedances observed at the dumpline POR location. Specifically, source removal will occur at the POR location and within the extent of the previously advanced perimeter soil borings (SBN, SBE, SBS2, and SBW). The approximate area if impact is estimated to be 307 cubic yards. Field soil screening and confirmation soil sampling will be conducted simultaneously with the source removal to assure all impacts associated with the release have been confirmed removed. The estimated area of impacted material to be removed is depicted in Figure 3 of the attached ROWC.

Caerus requests the ECMC Director for a reduced analyte suite for all future samples collected as part of this project based on analytical results of the sample collected at the POR [20240130-N36NWB-(POR)@7.5] per ECMC Rule 915.e.(2).C. The reduced suite request includes sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX), 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, and naphthalene. As these listed analytes are the exceedances that confirmation soil sample 20240130-N36NWB-(POR)@7.5 exhibits under Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations (RSSLs). See "Operators Comment" section for a discussion for relief of a pathway for communication to groundwater under ECMC Table 915-1, Footnote 7.

**Soil Remediation Summary**

In Situ

Ex Situ

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ Excavate and offsite disposal
- \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or ECMC 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 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: \$ 80000

## 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:

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards 0

E&P waste (solid) description \_\_\_\_\_

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels 70

E&P waste (liquid) description hydrocarbon-impacted soil mixed with hydrovac rinsate

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility: Greenleaf Environmental Services

# 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.

There is currently nothing to reclaim.

Is the described reclamation complete? \_\_\_\_\_

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. 01/30/2024

### SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 02/01/2024

Proposed site investigation commencement. 02/01/2024

Proposed completion of site investigation. 03/29/2024

### REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 06/10/2024

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:

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**OPERATOR COMMENT**

Per ECMC Table 915-1, Footnote 7, Caerus requests this project to be evaluated using RSSLCs as no pathway for communication to groundwater was observed during investigative or delineation efforts. Standing, pooling, or infiltrating groundwater was not observed at any point during the advancement of the investigative soil borings. Additionally, the groundwater table is presumed to reside at a static level of approximately 130 feet bgs as observed in the well completion log for nearby domestic water well Colorado Division of Water Resources Permit ID 64199. The referenced domestic well and the Site both sit at a gradient of approximately 6,050 feet and is located approximately 1.65 miles southeast of the pad location.

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: 04/19/2024

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: 05/07/2024

Remediation Project Number: 34374

**COA Type****Description**

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**ATTACHMENT 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**

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| 403751164 | FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED |
| 403761597 | SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT      |

Total Attach: 2 Files

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

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| Environmental | Based on the information provided under Operator Comment, the Operator's request to utilize the Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Level concentrations is conditionally approved.   | 05/06/2024 |
| Environmental | Based on the information provided for soil samples (doc #403761597), the Operator's request for a reduced analyte suite of sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX), 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, and naphthalene is conditionally approved. | 05/06/2024 |

Total: 2 comment(s)