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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

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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 25550 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403202579

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: 481074	API #: _____	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: 20-4N-64W SESE Balboa TB Loc	Latitude: 40.291000	Longitude: -104.567000	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 40.291220		Longitude: -104.567100	
QtrQtr: SESE	Sec: 20	Twp: 4N	Range: 64W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

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

Palustrine Wetlands 0.05mi SSW, Holding Pond 0.10 WSW
Farm Structures 0.04/0.06 SE, 0.13/0.13/0.14 W, 0.21 N, 0.23 NE, 0.12 ENE, 0.15/0.16 ESE, 0.19/0.21/0.25 SE
Residential 0.12 NE, 0.16 NNE, 0.23 N, 0.04 NW, 0.12 W, 0.04 S

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	10'x10x3' deep (two locations)	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.

A site investigation was conducted pursuant to COGCC Rule 911 at the BALBOA HANSCOME T4N-R64W-S20 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 produced water vessel(s) excavation, beneath the ground oil tank(s), and at the separator(s). Soil samples were analyzed by a certified laboratory for TPH (total volatile [C6-C10] and extractable [C10-C36] hydrocarbons) organic compounds in soil per ECMC Table 915-1, and EC, SAR, pH, and boron. All samples collected were analyzed by a certified laboratory using approved ECMC 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 during the site investigation.

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 ECMC 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 11
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 2
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 200

NA / ND

ND Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) _____
Highest concentration of SAR _____
BTEX > 915-1 No
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 2

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?

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.

Impacted soil will be removed from the release area at the Hanscome Balboa location by excavation. The impacted soil will be disposed of at an approved landfill as non-hazardous waste in accordance with Rules 905 and 906. Copies of the waste manifests will be available upon request.

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.

Excavation of impacted soil was undertaken to remove PAH impacts observed at two feet below ground surface in the separator and produced water vault excavations at the Hanscome Balboa tank battery. Confirmation soil samples were collected and analyzed for ECMC Table 915 organic and Soil Suitability for Reclamation constituents (TPH, BTEX, 1,2,4 Trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5 Trimethylbenzene, Naphthalene, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons [PAHs], pH, SAR, EC, and Boron) and ECMC Table 915-1 metals.

The laboratory analyses indicate that organic petroleum constituents in soil samples collected from the sidewalls and floor of each excavation achieved the ECMC Table 915-1 Protection of Groundwater Soil Screening Levels (PGSSLs). However, three samples ((PWV) S01@2.5', (PWV) E01@2.5' and (PWV) W01@2.5') exceeded ECMC Table 915-1 Soil Suitability Limits for pH. A summary of the soil laboratory data is included in Tables 1 through 4 of the attached.

Additionally, all samples exceeded ECMC Table 915-1 residential soil screening levels for arsenic. Local background samples collected adjacent to both excavations, in native soil at a similar depth of three feet, also exceeded the ECMC Table 915-1 standards for arsenic. Therefore, it is proposed that these exceedances be attributed to native soil conditions. Further, since elevated concentrations of pH were not initially observed in the exceeding samples it is likely that elevated pH is not attributable to an oil & gas release. Since slightly elevated pH exists in the excavation confirmation samples in de minimis amounts the operator proposes to leave pH in place without further delineation.

NFA is expected to be attained following review of this F27s submittal.

Soil Remediation Summary

In Situ

Ex Situ

_____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

Yes _____ Excavate and offsite disposal

_____ Chemical oxidation

_____ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____ 10

_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction

_____ Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or ECMC Facility ID # _____

_____ Natural Attenuation

_____ Excavate and onsite remediation

_____ Other _____

_____ 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

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.

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: \$

WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Was E&P waste generated as part of this remediation?

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?

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? 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. _____

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. 03/23/2022

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 04/18/2023

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 03/22/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 11/15/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. 03/22/2023

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 10/26/2023

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 12/20/2023

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

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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: 03/15/2024

Email: ethanb@fremontenv.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: Abdul Elnajdi

Date: 07/08/2024

Remediation Project Number: 25550

COA Type**Description**

	Operator will continue quarterly reporting until the site investigation is complete and Table 915-1 standards are met within the remediation area.
	ECMC removed the final closure request. The statement that "it is likely that elevated pH is not attributable to an oil and gas release" is insufficiently substantiated. These observations of pH levels do not conclusively rule out the possibility of contamination from oil and gas activities. The pH levels must match background samples or comply with ECMC rules. To ensure compliance with ECMC regulations, a detailed comparison with representative background samples is necessary to accurately assess the pH levels and identify any potential discrepancies indicating environmental contamination. Please provide the results of these additional analyses.
2 COAs	

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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