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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 #: 26837 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403236169

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: WELL	Facility ID: _____	API #: 123-26818	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: WELLS RANCH AA 21-02	Latitude: 40.477674	Longitude: -104.439623	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: NWNE	Sec: 21	Twp: 6N	Range: 63W
Meridian: 6	Sensitive Area?	No	

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SW

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Cropland

Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? Yes

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

Within Pronghorn Winter Concentration Area

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
UNDETERMINED	GROUNDWATER	NA	Lab analysis if encountered
UNDETERMINED	SOILS	NA	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.

Pursuant to COGCC Rule 911 a site investigation will be conducted pertaining to the WELLS RANCH AA21-02 wellhead cut and cap and flowline removal. Approximately 1371' of flowline will be removed. The COGCC will be updated in a supplemental Form 27 if a portion of the flowline is abandoned-in-place due to field constraints. The wellhead will be cut and capped per COGCC rules. Additionally, soil samples will be collected at any points of material change and/or hammer unions, directional changes, as well as at the bell holes on either side of a waterway, AS APPLICABLE to abandonment type. The Flowline Pre-Abandonment Notice Document number is included under Related Forms.

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):

A grab soil sample will be collected at the base of the excavation or the area showing the highest degree of impact during field screening activities at the wellhead excavation. Additionally, soil samples will be collected at any points of material change and/or hammer unions, directional changes, as well as at the bell holes on either side of a waterway, AS APPLICABLE to abandonment type. A grab confirmation soil sample will be collected at the wellhead excavation. Soil samples will be 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 will be 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):

If groundwater is encountered during the site investigation a grab groundwater will be collected and analyzed for all organic compounds per COGCC Table 915-1.

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 of the wellhead and flowline areas will occur during abandonment activities. Field personnel will field screen all disturbed areas using visual and olfactory senses to determine if laboratory confirmation sampling is required. The COGCC Flowline Closure and Wellhead Closure Checklists will be utilized and filled out during the abandonment process. A photolog will be submitted on the Subsequent Form 27.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 6
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 5
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? No
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 0

NA / ND

ND Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) _____
-- Highest concentration of SAR 1.66
BTEX > 915-1 No
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 4

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?

Two background samples were collected from an area not impacted by oil and gas development at similar depths and lithologies as confirmation samples collected at the location and analyzed for ECMC Table 915-1 metals and soil suitability for reclamation standards (pH, EC, SAR, and Boron).

☐ 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?

Elevated pH and arsenic were observed in multiple locations along the former Wells Ranch AA21-02 flowline. Soil will be resampled and analyzed for pH and/or arsenic at their respective exceeding locations at the same depth where the initial elevated concentrations were observed in the confirmation samples. Noble will request an NFA be granted if the reanalyzed samples are within the Table 915-1 concentration range. Background samples will be used to justify elevated pH and arsenic concentrations.

Alternatively, if the sample's result is outside the Table 915-1 pH concentration range and cannot be attributed to native soil conditions via additional background soil characterization a minimum of five additional samples will be collected to delineate the magnitude and extent of elevated pH and/or arsenic.

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.

No source was generated

REMEDICATION 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.

NA

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 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 Supplemental Form 27

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 COGCC rules. Records are available on the COGCC's website.

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? 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? Yes _____

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? No _____

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. 11/15/2022

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

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 03/01/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 11/15/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. 01/31/2025

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:

Additional soil characterization and resampling is needed for inorganics and metals at multiple locations along the flowline.

OPERATOR COMMENT

This form submittal serves as a timeline update. Decommissioning site investigation fieldwork has been completed. A completed report detailing the site investigation activities is forthcoming. Lab analyses have been attached to confirm completion of flowline decommissioning activities.

Pending location, landowner approval, and crew availability, the operator will complete the additional site investigation as outlined in this proposed Site Investigation Report workplan. Supplemental Form 27s will be prepared and submitted on a quarterly schedule to provide updates and progress of the remediation until closure criteria has been achieved.

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: _____

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: _____

Date: _____

Remediation Project Number: 26837

COA Type**Description**

0 COA	

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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