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Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan (Initial 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 ECOM 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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City: DENVER	State: CO	Zip: 80202
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 37095 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403935843

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

Yes Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: CENTRALIZED EP WASTE MGMT FAC	Facility ID: 149012	API #: _____	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: LOVE RANCH CENTRALIZED E&P WASTE	Latitude: 39.892642	Longitude: -108.296245	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SWNW	Sec: 9	Twp: 2S	Range: 97W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

Facility Type: SPILL OR RELEASE	Facility ID: 487951	API #: _____	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: Love Ranch Facility	Latitude: 39.889241	Longitude: -108.296215	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: NWSW	Sec: 9	Twp: 2S	Range: 97W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SM

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use high priority habitat

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? Yes

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

Piceance Creek

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	TBD	investigation underway
Yes	SOILS	TBD	investigation underway
No	SURFACE WATER	TBD	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.

After discovering the tear in the pit liner QB began pumping operations to empty the Love Pond. Water was pumped through QB's water system to Divide Road Water Facility DAF and storage tanks. QB began sampling the Piezometers onsite and the toe drain below the dam. Monitoring wells between the pit and Piceance have been sampled and new monitoring wells are being installed at the time of this report. Sampling has also occurred within Piceance Creek. QB will continue to monitor closely for signs of impacts to groundwater and surface water.

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):

Soil samples are being collected during drilling and will be field screened at five-foot intervals for volatiles, soil samples will be sent for analytical analysis at the phreatic zone and if field screening identifies potential impacts. see the attached proposed Monitoring well map for details

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

Sampling will continue in the monitoring wells adjacent to Piceance Creek and the newly proposed monitoring wells after well development is complete. The toe drain will continue to be sampled as an early detector of potential impacts. see the attached sample map for details

Proposed Surface Water Sampling

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

surface water sampling will continue at the predefined points. see the attached sample map for details

Additional Investigative Actions

- ☐ Additional alternative investigative actions described in attached Site Investigation Plan (summary):

additional investigation may occur if additional risks are identified

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

NA / ND

Number of soil samples collected 3

Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 _____ 0

_____ Highest concentration of SAR _____

Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? No _____

BTEX > 915-1 _____

Approximate areal extent (square feet) _____ 0

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) _____ 0

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected _____ 16

_____ Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l) _____

Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? No _____

_____ Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l) _____

Depth to groundwater (below ground surface, in feet) _____ 15

_____ Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l) _____

Number of groundwater monitoring wells installed _____ 6

_____ Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l) _____

Number of groundwater samples exceeding 915-1 _____ 0

_____ Highest concentration of Methane (mg/l) _____

Surface Water

_____ 4 Number of surface water samples collected

_____ 0 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?

An upgradient monitoring well is being proposed

☐ 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?

Continued investigation will continue until impacts are identified

REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

Early investigation is underway, the Love pit is being drained and site assessment will occur.

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.

After the investigation results are understood QB Energy will develop a remediation strategy to be submitted in a future Form 27 Supplemental

Soil Remediation Summary

☐ In Situ

☐ Ex Situ

_____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

_____ Excavate and offsite disposal

_____ Chemical oxidation

_____ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____

_____ 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.

QB is proposing the installation of 7 monitoring wells see attached map for details

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 Initial investigation

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.

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: _____

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 occur at the time of facility closure

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. 09/19/2024

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 09/19/2024

Proposed site investigation commencement. 09/19/2024

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

Initial site investigation plan

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

Signed: Brett Middleton

Title: EHS Lead

Submit Date: 09/26/2024

Email: bmiddleton@QB-Energy.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: 10/01/2024

Remediation Project Number: 37095

COA Type**Description**

	Per Rule 913.e, a more frequent reporting schedule is required for this project based on site-specific conditions. The Operator will provide Form 27 updates on a monthly basis until an alternative reporting schedule is requested by the Operator and approved by the Director.
	Operator will provide updates to the Adequacy of Operator's General Liability Insurance and Financial Assurance and a remaining cost estimate on the next Form 27 submitted for this project.
	Operator shall collect soil samples from areas most likely to be impacted and shall collect an appropriate number of representative soil samples to delineate the horizontal and vertical extents of contamination, per Rule 915.e.(2).B.
	Operator shall collect sample(s) from comparable, nearby non-impacted native soil for purposes of establishing background soil conditions including pH, electrical conductivity (EC) and sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), per Rule 915.e.(2).D.
	Per Rule 913.b.(2), the Operator will conduct sampling and analysis of soil, surface water, and groundwater to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of any contamination in excess of the cleanup concentrations in Table 915-1. The Operator shall analyze samples for the complete Table 915-1 list and shall compare analytical results for site investigation samples to the Table 915-1 the Protection of Groundwater Soil Screening Level Concentrations. Submit an assessment of pathways to groundwater via a Supplemental Form 27.
	Operator shall provide a detailed, itemized cost estimate for the complete Site Investigation and Remediation as a result of Spill/Release ID: 487951.
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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**

403935843	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (INITIAL)
403935970	GROUND WATER SAMPLE LOCATION
403935973	SITE INVESTIGATION PLAN
403940968	FORM 27-INITIAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 4 Files

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

Environmental	ECMC EPS updated Site Information to capture Spill/Release ID #487951.	10/01/2024
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Total: 1 comment(s)