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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 #: 32119 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403546849

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: <u>LOCATION</u>	Facility ID: <u>310651</u>	API #: _____	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>PEPLER-66N63W 17SWNW</u>	Latitude: <u>40.488580</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.467670</u>	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: <u>40.489784</u>		Longitude: <u>-104.465823</u>	
QtrQtr: <u>SWNW</u>	Sec: <u>17</u>	Twp: <u>6N</u>	Range: <u>63W</u> Meridian: <u>6</u> Sensitive Area? <u>No</u>

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SM Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Agricultural
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

Closest Domestic Well within quarter mile – none
Additional Domestic Wells – none
Nearest Surface Water – A pond is located 0.21 miles northeast of the facility.
Nearest Occupied Building – 2800' SW
Additional Occupied Buildings – None
Within Pronghorn Winter Concentration Buffer
Within Mule Deer Severe Winter Range Buffer
Freshwater Emergent Wetlands – 880' SW, 1205' W

No other potential receptors are located within ¼ mile of the Site.
Above distances are approximations.

SITE INVESTIGATION PLAN

TYPE OF WASTE:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E&P Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Other E&P Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-E&P Waste |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Produced Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Workover Fluids | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Tank Bottoms | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Condensate | <input type="checkbox"/> Pigging Waste | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling Fluids | <input type="checkbox"/> Rig Wash | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Cuttings | <input type="checkbox"/> Spent Filters | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Bottoms | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (as described by EPA) | _____ |

DESCRIPTION OF IMPACT

Impacted?	Impacted Media	Extent of Impact	How Determined
UNDETERMINED	GROUNDWATER	N/A	Lab Analysis or Field Screening, if encountered
No	SOILS	Refer to Tables and Figures	Lab Analysis and Field Screening

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 ECMC Rule 911 at the Pepler 17-12,22 Facility and 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), at the risers for the flowline (s) and dump line(s) of any separator(s). In addition, the on-site dump lines located between the separator and tank battery were removed by pulling from either end. Soil samples were analyzed by a certified laboratory for the full extent of Table 915-1, including but not limited to: TPH (total volatile [C6-C10] and extractable [C10-C36] hydrocarbons) organic compounds in soil per ECMC Table 915-1, and EC, SAR, pH, metals, 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):

If groundwater is encountered during decommissioning activities, a grab sample will be collected and analyzed for all organic and inorganic compounds per ECMC Table 915-1: this sample analysis includes, but is not limited to BTEX, naphthalene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB), and 1,2,5-TMB by EPA Method 8260, chloride and sulfate anions by EPA Method 300.0, and total dissolved solids (TDS) by Method SM 2540C.

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):

Discrete soil samples were collected from the base of the produced water vessel excavations and excavation sidewalls in areas most likely to be impacted and exhibiting the highest field screened VOC concentration. The soil samples were submitted for laboratory analysis of the full Table 915-1 analytical suite by ECMC approved methods. Assessment of off location flowlines are addressed with their respective wellheads under a separate Form 27. A detailed summary of decommissioning activities, including field notes, site photos, figures, and laboratory analytical results, is attached to this Form 27.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

NA / ND

Number of soil samples collected 14

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 209

_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction

_____ Natural Attenuation

_____ Other _____

_____ 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.

Groundwater was not encountered during initial decommissioning activities.

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.

Operator does not have site-specific financial assurance for this project; however, Operator has inactive well, blanket, and surface bonding including Surety IDs 106077122, 106473808, and 106473820, as well as commercial general liability and/or umbrella/excess insurance meeting the requirements of Rule 705.b. Operator does not anticipate making an insurance claim for this project.

- This project has been completed and no further assessment or remediation is required.

Costs included herein are estimates only and may change over time based on numerous factors. Accordingly, Operator makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of such cost estimates, thus providing an estimate for the next year below.

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? Yes

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? Yes

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations? Yes

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.

Following tank battery decommissioning activities, the location was backfilled, compacted, and re-contoured to match pre-existing conditions. The location will be reclaimed in accordance with the ECMC 1000 series.

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? _____

SITE RECLAMATION DATES

Proposed date of commencement of Reclamation. 05/30/2024

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 11/30/2024

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. 09/13/2023

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

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 05/30/2024

Proposed site investigation commencement. 05/31/2024

Proposed completion of site investigation. 05/31/2024

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 05/31/2024

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 05/31/2024

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:

The implementation schedule has been changed due to the decommissioning of the Peppler 17-12,22 Tank Battery and the request for a No Further Action (NFA) designation for the site.

OPERATOR COMMENT

This Form 27 is being submitted to include the decommissioning results of the former Peppler 17-12, 22 Tank Battery. All sampling was completed in accordance with the approved soil sampling plan attached to Initial Form 27 Document Number 403546849. Based on the absence of compounds exceeding ECMC Table 915-1 standards or observed background concentrations, PDC is requesting a No Further Action (NFA) designation for the site.

Analytical results indicated that constituent concentrations in all samples were in compliance with ECMC Table 915-1 standards, with exception to pH and arsenic concentrations. A review of native background pH and arsenic concentrations was conducted utilizing background samples collected at the tank battery as well as the former Peppler 17-22 Wellhead (API: 05-123-25817; Remediation Project #32129).

A total of 7 background soil samples were collected from two discrete locations in association with the decommissioning of the tank battery and adjacent wellhead. The former Peppler 17-22 Wellhead exhibits similarities in site conditions with comparison to the former Peppler 17-12, 22 Tank Battery as follows:

- Both locations are on the same plot of land and are connected as associated infrastructure;
- Both locations exhibit the same soil classification under the USDA web soil survey database as a Sand (Valent sand), and were observed as silty sands in field observations;
- Both locations are with 0.2 miles of each other and exhibit similar ground surface elevations (between approximately 4,679 and 4,683 feet AMSL).

Laboratory analysis of background soil samples exhibited a maximum pH value of 9.02. All soil samples collected beneath the tank battery infrastructure were below this pH concentration. Since the maximum background concentration for pH was observed to be greater than then site concentrations, PDC requests pH to not be considered a contaminant of concern.

The maximum observed arsenic concentrations in background soil samples was 2.57 mg/kg, and 1.25x the maximum background was calculated to be 3.21 mg/kg. All site arsenic concentrations were below this concentration. Furthermore, the mean background arsenic concentration was calculated to be 2.15, and with a x1.25 multiplier was calculated to be 2.69 mg/kg. Since the maximum and mean background concentration for arsenic was observed to be greater than then site concentrations, PDC requests arsenic to not be considered a contaminant of concern.

Concentrations of pH and arsenic are observed at elevated values compared to those observed in excavation confirmatory samples. This evidence, and the absence of hydrocarbon exceedances or elevated EC and SAR in soil, indicates that the pH and arsenic concentrations observed at this location are not associated with E&P activities. As such, PDC is submitting a closure request for the Peppler 17-12, 22 tank battery.

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

Signed: Karen Olson

Title: Senior Program Manager

Submit Date: 08/21/2024

Email: Taspillremediationcontractor@pdce.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: Krystal Heibel

Date: 10/17/2024

Remediation Project Number: 32119

COA Type

Description

<u>COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
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.

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
403877836	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
403879186	PHOTO DOCUMENTATION
403894715	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
403894718	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
403895782	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403961076	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 6 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Environmental	Based on the information presented, it appears the elevated pH samples appears to be de minimis in quantity or within the range of background pH; therefore, elevated pH may not be associated with E&P activities. It appears that no further remedial action is necessary at this time and the ECMC approves the closure request. However, should future conditions at the site indicate contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding ECMC standards or background levels or if groundwater is found to be impacted, then further investigation and/or remediation activities may be required.	10/17/2024
Environmental	Due to shallow groundwater - Operator shall comply with Table 915-1 Protection of Groundwater Soil Screening Level Concentrations.	10/17/2024

Total: 2 comment(s)