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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 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 #: 38083 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403912304

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: LOCATION	Facility ID: 316658	API #: _____	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: NORTH PICEANCE UNIT-61S96W 19SENE	Latitude: 39.954938	Longitude: -108.201445	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SENE	Sec: 19	Twp: 1S	Range: 96W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

Facility Type: SPILL OR RELEASE	Facility ID: 487551	API #: _____	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: RNPU 196-19B1 BOP Release	Latitude: 39.954938	Longitude: -108.201445	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SENE	Sec: 19	Twp: 1S	Range: 96W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SP

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Non-cropland

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? No

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

Elk severe winter range (HPH) approximately 140' E, unnamed intermittent drainage approximately 1250' E

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	Undetermined	Sampling, Laboratory 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.

Please refer to document number 403885621 (Form 19 Supplemental) for initial actions taken in support of this project. As described in the attached Site Investigation Report, on August 5, 2024, one (1) soil sample was collected at the point of release at a depth of approximately 0.5 feet bgs, as part of the initial investigation. Additionally, four (4) background samples were taken offsite in native soil for comparison to soil suitability and metals at the Site.

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):

Based on the August analytical results, it is proposed that impacted soil be excavated from the release area to an approximate depth of 0.5 feet. It is recommended to excavate laterally in all cardinal directions to encompass the entire impacted area.

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):

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 1

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 1

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 4690

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 165

-- Highest concentration of SAR 27.9

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 1

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?

Four (4) background soil samples were collected off location in native soil outside interim reclamation areas and analyzed for the following constituents: 915-1 Metals and Soil Suitability.

☐ 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?

Based on the August analytical results, it is proposed that impacted soil be excavated from the release area to an approximate depth of 0.5 feet. It is recommended to excavate laterally in all cardinal directions to encompass the entire impacted area.

REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

Approximately 60 bbls of produced water were recovered from the cellar and pad surface. No liquid left the Site and clean-up operations are ongoing. Caerus is in the process of determining the extent of contamination and will provide these results to the ECMC to include a plan for source removal in supplemental documentation.

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.

Following additional soil assessment activities, a remedial approach will be proposed in a forthcoming Form 27. Remedial approach may include in-situ or ex-situ approach based on assessment results.

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 Initial 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.

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 in the 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: \$ _____

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: _____

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.

Once remediation is complete, Caerus proposes to return the excavation to the active working surface grade for continued operation.

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. 08/02/2024

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 08/02/2024

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 08/05/2024

Proposed site investigation commencement. 09/16/2024

Proposed completion of site investigation. 10/28/2024

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 11/04/2024

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 12/02/2024

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:

OPERATOR COMMENT

Based on the August analytical results, it is proposed that impacted soil be excavated from the release area to an approximate depth of 0.5 feet. It is recommended to excavate laterally in all cardinal directions to encompass the entire impacted area.

Due to the estimated depth to groundwater, the ECMC approved the use of Residential Soil Screening Levels (RSSLs) for the Site, as documented in Form 19, Document Number 403885621. With the approval of RSSL for the Site concentrations of EC, SAR, arsenic and boron, remain in place at the location. QB Energy requests a reduced analytical suite to include the exceedances left in place when compared to RSSL concentrations only.

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

Signed: Andy Verbonitz

Title: EHS Specialist

Submit Date: 10/16/2024

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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: 12/04/2024

Remediation Project Number: 38083

COA Type

Description

	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.
	Per Rule 913.b.(2), the Operator will conduct sampling and analysis of soil, and groundwater--if encountered, to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of any contamination in excess of the cleanup concentrations in Table 915-1 for soil and groundwater. The Operator shall analyze samples for the approved analyte list and shall compare analytical results for site investigation samples to the Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations.
	Submit Supplemental eForm 19 to request closure of Spill/Release ID #487551. Supplemental report shall comply with outstanding COAs, indicate that work is proceeding under an approved eForm 27 and shall reference the Remediation Project number assigned upon approval of this report.
3 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

403912304	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (INITIAL)
403924686	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403960052	REMEDATION PROGRESS REPORT
404014763	FORM 27-INITIAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 4 Files

General Comments

User Group

Comment

Comment Date

Environmental	Based on the information provided, the Operator's request for a reduced analyte suite of EC, SAR, arsenic, and boron is conditionally approved.	12/04/2024
Environmental	ECMC updated Site Information to capture Spill/Release ID #487551. Include Spill/Release ID for future submittals of Form 27s for Remediation of Spills and Releases.	12/04/2024

Total: 2 comment(s)