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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	<b>Phone Numbers</b>
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 26951 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403293700

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: WELL	Facility ID: _____	API #: 123-15226	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: HOWELL 32-23	Latitude: 40.270910	Longitude: -104.581434	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 40.270889		Longitude: -104.581409	
QtrQtr: SWNW	Sec: 32	Twp: 4N	Range: 64W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

Facility Type: LOCATION	Facility ID: 327842	API #: _____	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: HOWELL-64N64W 32SWNW	Latitude: 40.270910	Longitude: -104.581434	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 40.270870		Longitude: -104.581739	
QtrQtr: SWNW	Sec: 32	Twp: 4N	Range: 64W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes



# 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	Not encountered
Yes	SOILS	TBD	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 ECMC Rule 911 a site investigation was conducted pertaining to the HOWELL 32-23 wellhead cut and cap and flowline removal. Approximately 92' of flowline was removed. The wellhead was cut and capped per ECMC rules.

A site investigation was conducted pursuant to ECMC Rule 911 at the HOWELL 32-23/NELSON 32-25 Tank Battery location. A historical release was identified at the tank battery based on laboratory analytical results exceeding ECMC Table 915-1 regulatory limits.

## 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 ):

Thirteen (13) grab soil sample were collected at the wellhead excavation (1), the flowline terminuses at the wellhead and separator (2), the produced water vessel excavation (5), beneath the ground oil tank (1), and at the risers for the flowlines (2) and dumplines (2) of the separators. 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, EC, SAR, pH, and boron. Six (6) waste characterization samples for Table 915-1 metals was also collected. 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 observed during subsequent assessment activities, monitoring wells will be completed and samples will be collected for BTEX, naphthalene, TMBs, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, and inorganic compounds per ECMC 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 ):

# SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

## SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

NA / ND

Number of soil samples collected 15 -- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 728.5  
 Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 8 -- Highest concentration of SAR 7.93  
 Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? No BTEX > 915-1 No  
 Approximate areal extent (square feet) 321 Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 6

**Groundwater**

Number of groundwater samples collected 0 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) \_\_\_\_\_ Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of groundwater monitoring wells installed \_\_\_\_\_ Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of groundwater samples exceeding 915-1 \_\_\_\_\_ 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?  
 A background sample was collected from similar lithologic soil near the wellhead for pH and and SAR analysis. A second background sample was collected from similar lithologic soil near the tank battery for EC and ECMC Table 915-1 metals (sans Cr VI) analysis.  
 Additional background samples for pH and SAR analysis will be collected from similar lithologic soil near the wellhead. Additional background samples for EC and arsenic analysis will be collected from similar lithologic soil near the tank battery.

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?  
 The source identified at the former water vault and separator locations will be delineated through an environmental site assessment. Noble proposes an amended Table 915-1 analytical plan to include TPH C6-36, ECMC Table 915-1 organics, and arsenic. Additional background samples for arsenic will also be collected. If groundwater is observed during assessment activities, monitoring wells will be completed and samples will be collected for BTEX, naphthalene, TMBs, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, and inorganic compounds per ECMC Table 9151.  
 The residual pH and SAR identified at the former wellhead will be delineated through an environmental site assessment. Additional background samples for pH and SAR will also be collected.  
 The residual EC identified at the former production tank footprint will be delineated through an environmental site assessment. Additional background samples for EC will also be collected.

**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.  
 The source identified at the former water vault and separator locations will be delineated through an environmental site assessment. Noble proposes an amended Table 915-1 analytical plan to include TPH C6-36, ECMC Table 915-1 organics, and arsenic. Additional background samples for arsenic will also be collected. If groundwater is observed during assessment activities, monitoring wells will be completed and samples will be collected for BTEX, naphthalene, TMBs, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, and inorganic compounds per ECMC Table 915-1.  
 The residual pH and SAR identified at the former wellhead will be delineated through an environmental site assessment. Additional background samples for pH and SAR will also be collected.  
 The residual EC identified at the former production tank footprint will be delineated through an environmental site assessment. Additional background samples for EC will also be collected.

**REMIEDIATION 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.

Residual petroleum hydrocarbon impacts will be delineated through an environmental site assessment prior to January 31, 2025. Additional background samples for EC, pH, SAR, and arsenic analysis will also be collected. Once delineated, source excavation activities will be started to remove impacts at the site by March 31, 2025, or following land approval/cooperative weather and site conditions. Site assessment data will be summarized and provided in a supplemental 27 to confirm the excavation scope and SAP prior to implementation.

### 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.

If groundwater is observed during subsequent assessment activities, monitoring wells will be completed and samples will be collected for BTEX, naphthalene, TMBs, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, and inorganic compounds per ECMC Table 915-1. Additional monitoring and an updated SAP will be proposed in a supplemental 27, as applicable.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Timeline update

## 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.

Operator anticipates the remaining cost for this project to be: \$ 75000 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

Residual EC, SAR, and pH will be resampled, and laterally/vertically defined. Once confirmed and defined, a detailed reclamation plan will be submitted on a Supplemental 27, if applicable. Reclamation will be in accordance with ECMC 1000 Series Rules following source removal and/or additional remediation, as applicable

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. 03/31/2025

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 04/01/2028

## 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. 04/07/2022

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 07/24/2023

### SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 04/13/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 02/01/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. 01/31/2024

### REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 03/31/2024

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 03/31/2025

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:

This form is being submitted to serve as a timeline update. Implementation schedule updated to reflect the schedule to complete the supplemental site investigation. The ECMC will be updated on a subsequent Form 27 with the results of the supplemental site investigation, or if the schedule is changed due to site access constraints.

## OPERATOR COMMENT

This form is being submitted to serve as a timeline updated.

Pursuant to ECMC Rule 911 a site investigation was conducted pertaining to the HOWELL 32-23 wellhead cut and cap, flowline removal and the HOWELL 32-23/NELSON 32-25 Tank Battery location. A historical release was identified at the tank battery based on laboratory analytical results exceeding ECMC Table 915-1 regulatory limits.

The source identified at the former water vault and separator locations will be delineated through an environmental site assessment. Noble proposes an amended Table 915-1 analytical plan to include TPH C6-36, ECMC Table 915-1 organics, and arsenic. Additional background samples for arsenic will also be collected. If groundwater is observed during assessment activities, monitoring wells will be completed and samples will be collected for BTEX, naphthalene, TMBs, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, and inorganic compounds per ECMC Table 915.1. The residual pH and SAR identified at the former wellhead will be delineated through an environmental site assessment. Additional background samples for pH and SAR will also be collected. The residual EC identified at the former production tank footprint will be delineated through an environmental site assessment. Additional background samples for EC will also be collected.

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

Signed: Yakuta Bhagat

Title: Environmental Consultant

Submit Date: 09/17/2024

Email: cvxform27@erm.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: 26951

## COA Type

## Description

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

403918048	FORM 27 DENIED
403918054	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
403923299	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
403923300	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
404017613	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 5 Files

## General Comments

## User Group

## Comment

## Comment Date

Environmental	"ECMC has denied this Form 27 due to discrepancies in analytical data associated with the Remediation project. Operator will submit a replacement Form 27 for this project that includes the following components: A statement from the Operator indicating that this project is included in the data integrity review; A site-specific description describing any data anomalies in the project record; The original, correct laboratory analytical report as a stand-alone attachment; and A Form 19 Document ID as a Related Document, if necessary to report a Spill or Release."	12/05/2024
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