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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: CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	Operator No: 10456	Phone Numbers
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 35468 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403770803

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: Request of Closure for Remediation Project Number (RPN) 35468

SITE INFORMATION

No Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: LOCATION	Facility ID: 335034	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: PUCKETT-67S97W 12NENW	Latitude: 39.465250	Longitude: -108.171030	
	** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 39.465612	Longitude: -108.170369	
QtrQtr: NENW	Sec: 12	Twps: 7S	Range: 97W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications OH Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Rangeland
Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? No Is surface water within 1/4 mile? No
Is groundwater less than 20 feet below ground surface? No

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 type="checkbox"/> Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Tank Bottoms | |
| <input 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
No	SOILS	NA	Field Observations and 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.

Please see Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) Document Number (DN) 403770803 for initial actions.

Following the removal of the partially buried vault (PBV), four sidewall and one base confirmation soil samples were collected from the excavation footprint on June 10, 2024. A five-point aliquot composite sample was collected from the stockpile of the removed soils. A minimum of six inches of soil was first scraped back prior to collection to assure representative samples were collected. The headspace of each soil sample was field screened using a photo-ionization detector (PID) to detect for the presence or absence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Soils were also field characterized by a geologist for hydrocarbon odors or staining via visual and olfactory senses. A total of six confirmation soil samples were submitted to Pace Analytical for laboratory analysis of ECMC Table 915-1 constituents.

Please see the attached Report of Work Completed (ROWC) for details regarding soil sampling activities, accompanying figures, and a discussion of the analytical results.

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):

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 6
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 6
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 750

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 199.5
04
NA Highest concentration of SAR
BTEX > 915-1 No
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 6

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 0
Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? Yes
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?

In accordance with ECOM Table 915-1.e.(2)D. a total of six site specific background soil samples were collected from four nearby, undisturbed native areas. These site-specific background samples were submitted for analysis of electrical conductivity (EC), sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), pH, Boron, and ECOM Table 915-1 metals.

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?

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.

There is no source associated with this project.

REMEDIAL ACTION 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.

Remediation is not necessary associated with RPN 35468.

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 of Closure for RPN 35468

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.

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: \$ 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.

Any excavation associated with this project will be backfilled to match existing pad elevation in accordance with ECMC 1000-Series Reclamation Requirements.

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. _____

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 05/15/2024

Proposed site investigation commencement. 05/15/2024

Proposed completion of site investigation. 06/10/2024

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

Based on the analytical data provided in the ROWC, there are remaining ECMC Table 915-1 exceedances of arsenic. To address the documented arsenic exceedances, Caerus request relief of arsenic as a contaminant of concern (COC) in accordance with Table 915-1, Footnote 1, based on the following reasoning:

The arsenic concentrations observed in the six confirmation soil samples collected on June 10, 2024 ranged from 4.20 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) in soil sample 20240610-MESA 12-(EW-PBV)@5 to 24.2 mg/kg in soil sample 20240610-MESA 12-(WW-PBV)@5. These arsenic exceedances are well within the arsenic concentration observed in background soil samples associated with a nearby Site, PUCKETT-66S97W 25SESE, also known as the Puckett 44C-25 [Facility ID: 324244]. The Puckett 44C-25 is located approximately 1.66 miles north of the Mesa 12 pad and is in the same soil map unit per the ECMC GIS Online Database, Map Unit Symbol 57 - Parachute-Rhone loams (5 - 30% slopes). Arsenic concentrations in Puckett 44C-25 background soil sample 20240612-LMBG-(PUCKETT 44C-25-S) @ 1 exhibited an arsenic concentration of 53.0 mg/kg. See Figure 6 in the attached ROWC that depicts the proximity to each respective location and the associated soil map units.

Caerus requests that RPN 35468 be evaluated under ECMC Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations (RSSLCs) in accordance with ECMC Table 915-1, Footnote 7 due to the reasons provided below that indicate there is no pathway for communication to groundwater associated with the Mesa 12 location:

- 1) No groundwater was/has been observed infiltrating, pooling, or standing within the excavation footprint at any point during the excavation or when completing sample collection activities.
- 2) No hydrocarbon impacts were observed greater than ECMC RSSLCs as confirmed through laboratory analytical results of collected confirmation soil samples.
- 3) The nearest sensitive receptor (400 feet south/southeast) is an unnamed ephemeral drainage basin that terminates into Starkey Gulch approximately 0.4 miles downgradient. The Mesa 12 pad location is situated at elevation of approximately 8,250 feet above mean sea level (amsl) and Starkey Gulch rests southwest at an elevation of approximately 7,000 feet amsl.
- 4) Nearby domestic well (39.447314, -108.194117), Department of Water Resources (DWR) Well Permit Number 45238, is located 1.7 miles southwest of the Mesa 12 and at a comparable elevation, 8,200 feet. The depth to water documented on the well permit is 94 feet below ground surface (bgs).

Given these observations and facts concerning groundwater in the immediate vicinity of the project area, Caerus requests that Director make a determination to evaluate the remediation success of this project using the RSSLCs listed in Table 915-1.

All soils represented by the collected PBV decommissioning compliance soil samples were within ECMC Table 915-1 RSSLCs or are within respective background concentrations per ECMC Rule Table 915-1, Footnote 1.

Caerus requests to use the soils excavated to access and remove the PBV representative of stockpile soil sample 20240610-MESA 12-(STOCK-PBV) be used to backfill the open excavation as all analytes are within ECMC Table 915-1 RSSLCs or are within respective background concentrations per ECMC Rule Table 915-1, Footnote 1.

Based on the information presented in the attached ROWC and in DN 403861554, Caerus requests the Director to assign a "No Further Action" designation to RPN 35468 which is associated with the removal of PBV (SN 4942) at the Mesa 12 (Facility ID: 335034).

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

Signed: Jake Janicek

Title: EHS Specialist

Submit Date: 10/21/2024

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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: 12/18/2024

Remediation Project Number: 35468

COA Type

Description

	Based on review of information presented it appears that no further action is necessary at this time, and ECMC approves the closure request. However, should future conditions at the site indicate contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding ECMC standards or if surface and/or ground water is found to be impacted, then further investigation and/or remediation activities will be required at the site. In addition, the non-working surface area disturbed by the remediation activity shall be reclaimed in accordance with the 1000 Series Reclamation Rules including the establishment of vegetative cover on non-cropland and successful growth on cropland. Landowner must approve reclamation of cropland.
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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
403861554	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
403964973	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403964976	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403964977	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403964979	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403964988	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
404033540	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

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		Stamp Upon Approval

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