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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: PDC ENERGY INC	Operator No: 69175	Phone Numbers Phone: (303) 228-4000 Mobile: ( )
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## PROJECT, PURPOSE &amp; SITE INFORMATION

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 38713 Initial Form 27 Document #: 404016170

## 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: WELL	Facility ID: _____	API #: 123-23143	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: SCHMERGE 44-4		Latitude: 40.423140	Longitude: -104.890420
		** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____	Longitude: _____
QtrQtr: SESE	Sec: 4	Twp: 5N	Range: 67W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

## SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SW Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Grassland

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

Riverine 0.15mi W

## 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	Lab analysis if encountered
UNDETERMINED	SOILS	NA	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 will be conducted pertaining to the Schmerge 44-4 wellhead cut and cap and flowline removal. Approximately 760' of flowline will be removed. The ECMC will be updated in a supplemental Form 27 if a portion of the flowline is abandoned-in-place due to field constraints. The wellhead will be cut and capped per ECMC rules. Additionally, soil samples will be field screened at the N-E-S-W sides of the wellhead. Soil samples will be taken along the flowline at any points of material change and/or hammer unions, directional changes, as well as at the bell holes on either side of a waterway. The Flowline Pre-Abandonment Notice Document number is included under Related Forms.

### 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 ):

A grab soil sample will be collected at the base of the excavation or the area showing the highest degree of impact during field screening activities at the wellhead excavation. Additionally, soil samples will be field screened at the N-E-S-W sides of the wellhead. Soil samples will be taken along the flowline at any points of material change and/or hammer unions, directional changes, as well as at the bell holes on either side of a waterway. Soil samples will be 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 will be 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 the site investigation a grab groundwater 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 1,3,5-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 ):

Visual inspection of the wellhead and flowline areas will occur during abandonment activities. Field personnel will field screen all disturbed areas using visual and olfactory senses to determine if laboratory confirmation sampling is required. The ECMC Flowline Closure and Wellhead Closure Checklists will be utilized and filled out during the abandonment process. A photolog will be submitted on the Subsequent Form 27.

# SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

## SAMPLE SUMMARY

### Soil

Number of soil samples collected 0

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1

Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated?

Approximate areal extent (square feet)

### NA / ND

Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)

Highest concentration of SAR

BTEX > 915-1

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet)

### 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?

☐ 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

### SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

No source has been generated at this time

### 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.

NA

### 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

90 days from C&C/ FL decom activities, the first SF27 will be submitted.

#### ☐ 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 Supplemental 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.

PDC intends to directly address the costs of remediation at the locations as part of our asset retirement obligation process and operations. PDC has general liability insurance (policy MWZZ316714 and MWZX316724) 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: \$ 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:

# 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 be in accordance with ECMC 1000 Series Rules.

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. 12/04/2024

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. \_\_\_\_\_

## SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed site investigation commencement. 01/26/2024

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**

This Form 27 is the notification of the planned Cut & Cap, Full Removal of flowline activity associated with the Schmerge 44-4 well.

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

Signed: Julie Webb

Title: Senior Regulatory Analyst

Submit Date: 12/30/2024

Email: RBUEUF27@chevron.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: Kate Moreland

Date: 02/05/2025

Remediation Project Number: 38713

**COA Type****Description**

	Location is adjacent to a jurisdictional Wetlands as mapped on the National Wetland Inventory Maps. In the event that operations encroach upon the wetlands, Operator shall consult with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding compliance with Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act. Operator shall submit all communications/permits obtained to the ECMC via Form 4 Sundry. Note: Approval of this Form 27 does not supersede any Federal, State or Local regulations.
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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**

404016170	FORM 27-INITIAL-SUBMITTED
404042852	SITE MAP

Total Attach: 2 Files

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

Environmental	Approval of this Form 27 does not imply approval of pre-abandonment in place notice required by Rule 1105.d.(2). for Flowline abandonment. Should a portion of the flowline be abandoned in place due to field constraints the Operator shall collect soil samples at the start and end point of the abandoned portion and confirm the presence or absence of impacts adjacent to the abandoned flowline section. These samples can be collected via hand auger to minimize surface disturbance.	02/05/2025
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