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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 #: 29670 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403415838

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 #: 103-11203	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: YELLOW CREEK FEDERAL 4-44-1	Latitude: 39.993570	Longitude: -108.388040	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SENW	Sec: 4	Twp: 1S	Range: 98W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

Facility Type: LOCATION	Facility ID: 316669	API #: _____	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: YELLOW CREEK FEDERAL-61S98W 4SENW	Latitude: 39.993570	Longitude: -108.388040	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SENW	Sec: 4	Twp: 1S	Range: 98W 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? Yes

Is groundwater less than 20 feet below ground surface? No

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

SITE INVESTIGATION PLAN

TYPE OF WASTE:

☒ E&P Waste ☐ Other E&P Waste ☒ Non-E&P Waste

☒ Produced Water

☐ Workover Fluids

Impacts have been identified adjacent to the former separator and valve can locations.

☐ 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	To be Determined	Field investigation and soil sampling

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 documents 403415838, 403478348, 403664715, 403780626, 403828295, and 403914110 for a summary of activities completed prior to the fourth quarter of 2024.

On 10/8/2024, eighteen (18) confirmation grab soil samples were collected to achieve vertical and horizontal delineation at locations adjacent to the former tank battery, former valve can, and former separator area after impacted soil had been removed. Site assessment soil samples collected on 10/8/2024 were submitted for TPH, EC, and SAR only as approved in document # 403664715. SAR was detected at concentrations above the ECOMC Table 915-1 and site-specific background concentrations at seven (7) of the eighteen (18) sample locations.

On 11/20/2024, nine (9) subsequent site assessment soil samples were collected from locations that exceeded SAR in the soil samples collected on 10/8/2024. Site assessment soil samples collected on 11/20/2024 were submitted for TPH, EC, and SAR only as approved in document # 403664715. SAR was detected at concentrations above the ECOMC Table 915-1 and site-specific background concentrations at all sample locations.

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):

QB Energy is currently evaluating the SAR exceedances to consider next steps. Additional background soil samples will be collected to via drilling rig to establish naturally occurring SAR levels at depth.

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 48

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 33

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 0

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

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.

NA / ND-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 806.6
2

-- Highest concentration of SAR 25.7

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 0

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)

OTHER INVESTIGATION INFORMATION☐ Were impacts to adjacent property or offsite impacts identified?☒ Were background samples collected as part of this site investigation?

Ten (10) total background soil samples were collected from offsite and undisturbed locations north, east, south, and west of the facility.

☐ 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?

Please see the "Proposed Soil Sampling" section for further site investigation.

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.

These impacts are being considered historic. Therefore no source can be identified.

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.

SAR was detected at concentrations above the ECMC Table 915-1 and site-specific background concentrations at sixteen (16) of the twenty-seven (27) sample locations collected on 10/8/2024 and 11/20/2024. QB Energy is currently evaluating the SAR exceedances to consider next steps. Additional background soil samples will be collected to via drilling rig to establish naturally occurring SAR levels at depth. Future plans for remediation of SAR will be presented in a future Supplemental Form 27.

Soil Remediation Summary☐ In Situ☐ Ex Situ

Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

Excavate and offsite disposal

_____ Chemical oxidation
_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
_____ Natural Attenuation
_____ Other _____

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 Q4 2024 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.

Per Rule 705.b, and in line with guidance laid out in the SBAP, QB Energy has general liability insurance in the amount of \$5M, and QB Energy has umbrella insurance, which sits over the general liability insurance in the amount of \$65M. The umbrella and general liability insurance covers property damage, bodily injury to third parties, and sudden or accidental pollution under a combined \$70M.

Operator anticipates the remaining cost for this project to be: \$ 50000

WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Was E&P waste generated as part of this remediation? Yes

Describe beneficial use, if any, of E&P Waste derived from this remediation project:

None

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards 0

E&P waste (solid) description

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility:

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels 10

E&P waste (liquid) description impacted soils mixed with hydrovac
rinseate

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility: Greenleaf Environmental Services

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?

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations?

Does Groundwater meet Table 915-1 standards? _____

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.

Plans for reclamation will be presented in a future Form 27.

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). 07/01/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 07/01/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. 03/15/2024

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 06/24/2024

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 07/29/2024

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

QB Energy requests any future soil samples associated this remediation project be analyzed for a reduced analyte suite of SAR only.

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

Signed: Andrew Verbonitz

Title: EHS Specialist

Submit Date: 12/19/2024

Email: averbonitz@qb-energy.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: Steven Arauza

Date: 02/06/2025

Remediation Project Number: 29670

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**

404019747	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
404033326	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
404033347	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
404034598	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
404085034	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 5 Files

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

Environmental	Comply with outstanding COAs.	02/06/2025
Environmental	Based on the information provided, the Operator's request for a reduced analyte suite of SAR-only is conditionally approved.	02/06/2025

Total: 2 comment(s)