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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

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## PROJECT, PURPOSE &amp; SITE INFORMATION

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 8255 Initial Form 27 Document #: 2147922

## 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: LINED EARTHEN PIT CLOSURE

## SITE INFORMATION

No Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: PIT	Facility ID: 278619	API #:	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: NP EF C27 595	Latitude: 39.589010	Longitude: -108.043950	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude:		Longitude:	
QtrQtr: NENW	Sec: 27	Twp: 5S	Range: 95W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No

## SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications MH 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

Ben Good Creek is located approximately 0.01 miles southeast and the East Fork of Parachute Creek is located approximately 0.4 miles south of the Location. Although a groundwater well is shown to exist approximately 0.18 miles southeast, permit history for the Colorado Division of Water Resources permit MH-44238 show that this well was never constructed.

## 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	To be determined	Soil sampling and 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.

According to historic records, the produced water storage pits at the Location were closed in 2014. Per ECMC rules, the closure was documented in ECMC Form 27 Document 2147922, and Remediation Project 8255 was assigned. Initial actions taken to support the project can be found on ECMC Document 400815171 and in the Report of Work Completed (ROWC) associated with Document 403419528.

### 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 ):

Additional soil samples will be collected as needed to characterize and delineate the horizontal and vertical extent of soil impacts. Soil samples will be analyzed for all ECMC Table 915-1 soil constituents of concern. See the ROWC associated with Document 403419528 for details.

#### Proposed Groundwater Sampling

☐ Will groundwater samples be collected as part of this investigation? ( Number, analyses, and locations of samples ):

Groundwater is not anticipated to be encountered during site investigation activities. If groundwater is encountered, QB Energy will notify the ECMC and attempt to collect a representative sample for characterization.

#### 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 0

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 13000

Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)

Highest concentration of SAR

BTEX > 915-1 Yes

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 58

#### 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

NA Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l)

NA Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)

NA Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l)

NA Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l)

NA 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?

QB Energy will continue to conduct site investigation and soil sampling to determine the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination associated with the project. Results of site investigation will be presented to the ECMC on supplemental documentation.

### REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

Does this Supplemental Form 27A include changes to a previously approved Remedial Action Plan? Yes

#### SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

Based on a demonstrated consistent decrease in hydrocarbon impacts at the Location, the increase in air flow in the soil vapor extraction (SVE) system, and continual photoionization detector (PID) readings from the SVE trailer exhaust, QB Energy plans to continue to use SVE with bio-vent wells to remediate soil impacts associated with this project.

#### 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.

According to historic records, the produced water storage pits at the Location were closed in 2014. After removal of the pit liner in 2014, analytical results of soil samples indicated levels of organic and inorganic constituents exceeding ECMC Table 910-1 allowable limits, indicating a possible liner failure. Impacted soil was excavated and stockpiled onsite, and interim reclamation was completed. Multiple subsequent site investigations with environmental drilling rigs were performed to determine the vertical and horizontal extent of soil impacts and install vertical SVE wells to accelerate natural attenuation of hydrocarbons, monitor subsurface conditions, and support future remediation efforts.

The Remediation Project was not closed by January 15, 2022; therefore, per Rule 915.f., Caerus will now comply with ECMC Table 915-1 soil screening levels. All references to compliance will now be compared to ECMC Table 915-1 Protection of Groundwater Screening Levels.

Between February 21 and March 7, 2023, additional investigation activities associated with the pits at the Location were completed. Eight soil borings were advanced using a track mounted drill rig to delineate soil impacts. At least two soil samples were collected from each soil boring, totaling 37 soil samples, to delineate soil impacts associated with the pit. Soil borings were logged using 2-foot stainless steel split-spoons every 5 vertical feet. Analytical results indicate concentrations of multiple organic and inorganic constituents above ECMC Table 915-1 Protection of Groundwater Soil Screening Levels. See the ROWC associated with Document 403419528 for site investigation details.

## Soil Remediation Summary

☒ In Situ

Yes Bioremediation ( or enhanced bioremediation )

No Chemical oxidation

Yes Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction

Yes Natural Attenuation

No 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

No Land Treatment

No Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

No Chemical oxidation

No 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.

Groundwater has not been encountered during site investigation activities to date. If groundwater is encountered during future site investigation activities, QB Energy will notify the ECMC and will attempt to collect a representative sample for characterization.

## 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 REM 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: \$ 150000

### 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?

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.

The footprint for the backfilled pit occurs within the boundary of this location. During reclamation, the backfilled pit may be part of the pad's working surface and/or covered by recontoured and reseeded slopes installed to meet reclamation objectives. The Form 4 submitted for this project will identify the reclamation status of the location at the time of pit closure. Interim and final reclamation activities will be carried out in accordance with ECMC 1000 Series.

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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). 04/07/2014

Proposed site investigation commencement. 09/19/2014

Proposed completion of site investigation. 03/31/2023

### REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 09/19/2014

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**

QB Energy will continue to conduct SVE events at the site in support of the remediation project. QB Energy requests to utilize a semi-annual reporting frequency for the project.

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

Signed: Blair Rollins

Title: Environmental Specialist

Submit Date: 12/26/2024

Email: brollins@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: 02/11/2025

Remediation Project Number: 8255

**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**

404040249	INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORKPLAN (SUPPLEMENTAL)
404040266	REMEDATION PROGRESS REPORT
404089916	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 3 Files

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

Environmental	Comply with outstanding COAs.	02/11/2025
Environmental	Based on the information provided, the Operator's request for a semi-annual reporting schedule is conditionally approved.	02/11/2025

Total: 2 comment(s)