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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 & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 30320 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403438067

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: LOCATION	Facility ID: 331493	API #: _____	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: FEDERAL PALOMINO-68N59W 13NESW		Latitude: 40.658500	Longitude: -103.926830
		** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 40.660796	Longitude: -103.931069
QtrQtr: NESW	Sec: 13	Twp: 8N	Range: 59W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SW 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

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

Within Deer Winter Concentration Area
No other potential receptors are located within 1/4 mile of the Site.

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
No	GROUNDWATER	NA	Lab analysis if encountered
No	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.

A site investigation will be conducted pursuant to ECMC Rule 911 at the PALOMINO FED T8N-R59W-S13 L01 Facility and Tank Battery location. Noble will conduct field screening during dumphine removal (separators to tank battery) and include field screening results, along with photo documentation, on a Form 27 Supplemental.

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):

Grab confirmation soil samples were collected from the produced water vessel(s) excavation, beneath the ground oil tank(s), and at the separator(s). 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, and EC, SAR, pH, and boron. 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):

Groundwater was not encountered. If groundwater is encountered during the site investigation a grab groundwater sample will be collected and analyzed for all organic compounds and inorganic parameters 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):

Visual inspection of the tank battery area occurred during abandonment activities. Field personnel field screened all disturbed areas using a PID, visual, and olfactory senses to determine if laboratory confirmation sampling was required. The ECMC Tank Battery and Produced Water Vessel Closure Checklists were utilized and filled out during the abandonment process. A photolog is attached.

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) 0

NA / ND

ND Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) _____
-- Highest concentration of SAR 0.266
BTEX > 915-1 No
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 4

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?

Nine background soil samples were collected from an area not impacted by oil and gas development and at similar depths (0.5', 2', and 4') and lithologies as confirmation soil samples collected at the location and analyzed for Table 915-1 metals and SSR constituents. Background soil sample analytical results were reported with elevated levels of arsenic (As), barium (Ba), and pH. Background soil sample analytical results were reported with elevated levels of arsenic, barium, and pH. The maximum background concentrations of arsenic, barium, and pH are greater than the concentrations of the same constituents observed in the confirmation samples.

Background Soil Sample Analysis (mg/kg)
Arsenic 0.5': Max = 4.15
Arsenic 2': Max = 4.26
Arsenic 4': Max = 5.53
Barium 0.5': Max = 180
Barium 2': Max = 169
Barium 4': Max = 519
pH 0.5': Max = 8.25
pH 2': Max = 8.31
pH 5': Max = 8.76

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.

Impacted soil was not discovered during the decommissioning. Based on decommissioning site investigation activities and laboratory analytical results of confirmation soil samples collected from the produced water vessel(s) excavation, beneath the ground oil tank(s), and at the risers for the flowline(s) and dump line (s) of any separator(s). removal of soil is not needed. The material excavated during tank battery equipment removal activities was used as backfill for the excavations.

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.

Based on site investigation activities and laboratory analytical results for confirmation soil samples collected from the produced water vessel(s) excavation, beneath the ground oil tank(s), and at the risers for the flowline(s) and dump line (s) of any separator(s) a remediation plan is not needed.

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

No _____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

No _____ Chemical oxidation

No _____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction

No _____ Natural Attenuation

No _____ 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 was not encountered during the facility decommissioning.

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

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 (policies 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:

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.

Reclamation will be in accordance with ECMC 1000 Series Rules.

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. 03/31/2027

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. 06/06/2023

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. _____

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 03/30/2024

Proposed site investigation commencement. 08/01/2023

Proposed completion of site investigation. 03/30/2024

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

The Operator has updated the form with corrected coordinates that reflect the location of the Federal Palomino 68N59W tank battery location.

In response to the COA provided 3/7/2025 on returned to draft document number 403994286: Remedial actions and reporting for this project (FEDERAL PALOMINO-68N59W 13NESW, Remediation Number 30320) pertain to decommissioning activities performed at the tank battery only. The Operator has previously reported and will continue to report all remedial activities related to the associated Federal Palomino 11-13 flowline under Remediation Number 30346.

Confirmation soil sample analytical results were not reported with exceedances for Table 915-1 standards for organic compounds. Background soil sample analytical results were reported with elevated levels of arsenic, barium, and pH. The maximum background concentrations of arsenic, barium, and pH are greater than the concentrations of the same constituents observed in the confirmation samples. In the absence of any other evidence of a spill, it is suggested that elevated concentrations of pH and metals reported in the analysis of confirmation soil samples are naturally occurring. The Operator is requesting to use the ECMC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screen Levels as closure criteria based on the depth to water in a nearby irrigation well measuring 55 feet below ground surface (DWR Permit No. 564) located 1.2 mile northwest of the Federal Palomino 68N59W tank battery location. The well permit information is attached.

ECMC Environmental User Group Comments provided 3/7/2025 on returned to draft document number 403994286:

Comment 1: Based on the information presented, it appears the elevated pH samples appear to be de minimis in quantity or within the range of background pH; therefore, elevated pH may not be associated with E&P activities.

Comment 2: Based on the Operator's assessment of background conditions at the subject location, arsenic results for confirmation soil samples appear to be representative of background as opposed to E&P activities. Therefore, the Operator's demonstration of background will be accepted as an alternative to the default standard in ECMC's Table 915-1.

The Operator respectfully requests a no further action designation for Remediation Project #: 30320.

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

Signed: Ethan Black

Title: Consultant

Submit Date: _____

Email: ethanb@fremontenv.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: 30320

COA Type

Description

	<p>Returned to Draft. Operator shall clarify what remediation activities were conducted on the flowlines. It appears that the flowlines were abandoned 04/02/2024 (Doc# 403830588). Operator shall provide the document number of the remediation project where the flowline was (or are) investigated for remediation.</p> <p>Operator shall conduct an environmental investigation to confirm the presence or absence of impacts adjacent to the flowline at a minimum of every 250'.</p> <p>Operators will collect and submit for laboratory analysis a soil sample collected from the areas most likely to have been impacted during the operational life of the flowline. These areas include, but are not limited to: where Flowlines connect to the wellhead, surface equipment, risers, valves, or manifolds; where Flowlines bend or were repaired in the past and at joints and hammer unions; where Flowlines connect to Flowlines or equipment of different material; and where Flowlines crossed drainages or surface water or are in contact with shallow groundwater.</p>
1 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

403994304	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
404135698	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

404135793	OTHER
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Total Attach: 3 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
		Stamp Upon Approval

Total: 0 comment(s)