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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 #: 25990 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403185292

**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: <u>WELL</u>	Facility ID: _____	API #: <u>123-26812</u>	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>WELLS RANCH AA 21-06</u>	Latitude: <u>40.474192</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.444680</u>	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: <u>SENW</u>	Sec: <u>21</u>	Twp: <u>6N</u>	Range: <u>63W</u> Meridian: <u>6</u> Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>
Facility Type: <u>SPILL OR RELEASE</u>	Facility ID: <u>484418</u>	API #: _____	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>Wells Ranch AA 21-06</u>	Latitude: <u>40.474199</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.444682</u>	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: <u>SENW</u>	Sec: <u>21</u>	Twp: <u>6N</u>	Range: <u>63W</u> Meridian: <u>6</u> Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>

## **SITE CONDITIONS**

General soil type - USCS Classifications SW \_\_\_\_\_

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use crop \_\_\_\_\_

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**

HPH Y  
Well Within Pronghorn Winter Concentration Area HPH  
Riverine 0.18mi SW"  
No other potential receptors are located within ¼ mile of the Site.  
Above distances are approximations.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tank Bottoms                |  |
| <input checked="" 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	GROUNDWATER	NA	laboratory analysis if encountered
Yes	SOILS	Refer to Tables and Figures	Field Screening 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.

Pursuant to ECMC Rule 911 a site investigation was conducted pertaining to the WELLS RANCH AA21-06 wellhead cut and cap and flowline removal. The wellhead was cut and capped per ECMC rules. Additionally, soil samples were collected at the N-E-S-W sides of the wellhead. Approximately 1716' of flowline was abandoned-in-place due to field constraints. Soil samples were collected 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, AS APPLICABLE to abandonment type. The Flowline Pre-Abandonment Notice Document number was previously 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 was 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 were collected 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, AS APPLICABLE to abandonment type. A grab confirmation soil sample was collected at the wellhead excavation. 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 ):

If groundwater is encountered during additional site assessment activities, a grab groundwater sample will be collected and analyzed for all organic compounds and inorganic parameters per 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 along the flowline and at the wellhead and separator areas 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 applicable ECMC Closure Checklists were utilized and filled out during the abandonment process. A photolog was attached.

# SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

## **SAMPLE SUMMARY**

**Soil**

Number of soil samples collected 8  
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 8  
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? No  
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 800

**NA / ND**

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 150  
-- Highest concentration of SAR 3.82  
BTEX > 915-1 No  
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 8

**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?

\_\_\_\_\_

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? Yes

**SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY**

Describe how source is to be removed.

Impacted soil was removed from the Wells Ranch AA 21-06 release area by excavation. The impacted soil was disposed of at an approved landfill as non-hazardous waste in accordance with Rules 905 and 906. Copies of the waste manifests are available upon request.

**REMEDICATION 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.

Laboratory analytical results indicated a historical release had occurred at the location of soil sample WellB01 @5.5' and was reported as a historic release in Form 19 document number 403388541. The source was excavated and confirmation soil samples were collected and analyzed for the full Table 915-1 suite of analytes.

Groundwater was not encountered during the excavation of impacted soil. Approximately 70 cubic yards of impacted soil were removed and transported to the landfill. The soil data are illustrated and summarized in the attached tables and figures. The Operator proposes to collect background samples from five locations in native soil, adjacent to the former wellhead from similar depths and lithologies as the excavation confirmation samples and submit the samples for analysis of Table 915-1 metals and soil suitability for reclamation constituents. Proposed sample locations are displayed on Figure 2 of the attached.

Should no additional remediation be required following native soil characterization at the location, a no further action (NFA) determination will be requested within 90 days following laboratory confirmation of the removal of impacted soils with respect to the applicable Table 915-1 screening levels at the site.

**Soil Remediation Summary**

<input type="checkbox"/> In Situ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ex Situ
_____ Bioremediation ( or enhanced bioremediation )	Yes _____ Excavate and offsite disposal
_____ Chemical oxidation	_____ If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____ 70
_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction	_____ Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or ECMC Facility ID # _____
_____ Natural Attenuation	No _____ Excavate and onsite remediation
_____ Other _____	_____ 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.

If groundwater is encountered during additional site assessment activities, a grab groundwater sample will be collected and analyzed for all organic compounds and inorganic parameters per Table 915-1.

# 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 Timeline 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.

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. The cost for remediation is an estimate only, costs may change upwards or downward based on site-specific information. Noble makes no representation or guarantees as to the accuracy of the estimate.

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

## 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:

No beneficial use

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards 70

E&P waste (solid) description hydrocarbon impacted soil

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility: Buffalo Ridge Landfill, Keenesburg, CO

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels 0

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? No

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations? \_\_\_\_\_

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. 10/15/2025

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 06/30/2027

## 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. 09/29/2022

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 04/28/2023

### SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 04/14/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 10/15/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. 04/14/2023

### REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 10/14/2024

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 12/31/2025

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:

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**OPERATOR COMMENT**

This form serves to comply with the Rule 913.e. reporting schedule for the Wells Ranch AA 21-06 (REM # 25990). The Operator will complete the additional site investigation as outlined in this proposed Site Investigation Report workplan prior to the Proposed completion of site investigation date detailed in the Implementation schedule. Supplemental Form 27s will be prepared and submitted on a quarterly schedule to provide updates and progress of the remediation until closure criteria has been achieved.

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

Signed: Jeff Griggs

Title: Consultant

Submit Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: jeffg@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: 25990

**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**

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