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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 ECOM 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 #: 26837 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403236169

**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: <u>WELL</u>	Facility ID: _____	API #: <u>123-26818</u>	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>WELLS RANCH AA 21-02</u>	Latitude: <u>40.477674</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.439623</u>	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: <u>NWNE</u>	Sec: <u>21</u>	Twps: <u>6N</u>	Range: <u>63W</u> Meridian: <u>6</u> Sensitive Area? <u>No</u>

**SITE CONDITIONS**

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

Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? Yes 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 Pronghorn Winter Concentration Area  
No other potential receptors are located within ¼ mile of the Site.  
Above distances are approximations.

**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
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 will be conducted pertaining to the WELLS RANCH AA21-02 wellhead cut and cap and flowline removal. Approximately 1371' of flowline was removed. The ECMC was updated in a supplemental Form 27 if a portion of the flowline is abandoned-in-place due to field constraints. The wellhead was cut and capped per ECMC rules. Additionally, 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 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 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 were 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 ofactory 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 2  
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 1  
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes  
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 100

### NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 9  
-- Highest concentration of SAR 1.44  
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?

Fifteen background soil samples were collected from an area not impacted by oil and gas development and at similar depths 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 pH and Arsenic (As).

Background Soil Sample Analysis (mg/kg)  
pH @ 4ft: Max = 8.39  
As @ 4ft: Max\*1.25 = 1.66

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?

Confirmation sample FL01-02@4' from the former Wells Ranch AA 21-02 flowline was submitted outside of the required temperature preservation range. To verify the initial analytical results, soil will be re-sampled at the same depth at which the original confirmation samples were collected and analyzed for the full Table 915-1 analyte suite. Noble will request a No Further Action (NFA) designation if the reanalyzed samples meet the Table 915-1 concentration standards. Background samples will be used to justify any elevated concentrations, as applicable.

In addition, the Operator will re-sample and analyze soil from the WH FLOOR 5FT sample locations. This effort is intended to confirm previous decommissioning analytical results and to obtain updated metal concentration data. If the re-sampled data meet the applicable Table 915-1 standards, Noble will request an NFA designation.

Additional local background samples will be collected to further characterize native soil conditions in five locations adjacent to the former wellhead and flowline.

Refer to the attached site investigation plan for the locations of re-samples and additional background samples.

## 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.

No source was generated

## **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 )

\_\_\_\_\_ 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**

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Soil Resampling and BKG Results and Additional Site Investigation Proposal \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 (policy 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:

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? 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. 10/31/2025

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. 11/15/2022

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

### SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 03/01/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 11/15/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. 01/31/2026

### 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:

The implementation schedule has been revised to account for the need to conduct additional supplemental site investigation activities in the area adjacent to the former Wells Ranch AA 21-02 wellhead and flowline. The proposed site investigation will be completed following approval of this request. Refer to the operator comment segment for further details.

**OPERATOR COMMENT**

This form serves to update the ECMC with the results of the soil resampling and native soil characterization at and adjacent to Wells Ranch AA 21-02 wellhead and flowline location, REM 26837, and provide a timeline update and proposal for additional site investigation at the location.

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Refer to the attached site investigation plan for the locations of re-samples and additional background samples.

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: 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: 26837

**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**

404467385	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
404467388	LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORT
404467390	LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORT
404467559	ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Total Attach: 4 Files

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