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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 #: 41877 Initial Form 27 Document #: 404227597

**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>123-31285</u>	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>BERNHARDT 18-1</u>	Latitude: <u>40.345156</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.841334</u>	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: <u>NENW</u>	Sec: <u>1</u>	Twp: <u>4N</u>	Range: <u>67W</u> Meridian: <u>6</u> Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>
Facility Type: <u>SPILL OR RELEASE</u>	Facility ID: <u>491786</u>	API #: _____	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>BERNHARDT 18-1</u>	Latitude: <u>40.345155</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.841328</u>	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: <u>NENW</u>	Sec: <u>1</u>	Twp: <u>4N</u>	Range: <u>67W</u> Meridian: <u>6</u> Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>

## **SITE CONDITIONS**

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

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Grassland \_\_\_\_\_

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**

Within Mule Deer Severe Winter Range HPH  
Within Mule Deer Winter Concentration Area HPH  
Aquatic Native Species Conservation Waters HPH 0.18mi S  
Riverine 0.14mi W

# 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
UNDETERMINED	GROUNDWATER	NA	Lab Analysis and Field Screening, if encountered
Yes	SOILS	Refer to Tables and Figures	Lab Analysis and Field Screening

## **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 BERNHARDT 18-1 wellhead cut and cap and will be conducted pertaining to the flowline removal. The wellhead was cut and capped per ECMC rules on August 28, 2025. Additionally, soil samples were field screened at the N-E-S-W sides of the wellhead. Approximately 403' of flowline was abandoned-in-place due to field constraints on October 2, 2025.

The Field Qualitative Criteria Checklist was utilized during decommissioning activities and no visual and olfactory impacts were observed. Based on laboratory analytical data, a historical release was reported on September 18, 2025, under F19 Document Number 404358801, for elevated 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB) and 1,3,5-TMB at sample location WH01@5'.

## **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 field screened at the N-E-S-W sides of the wellhead. Soil samples will be taken 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. Soil samples were and will be analyzed by a certified laboratory for the full extent of Table 915-1, including but not limited to: TPH (total volatile [C6-C10] and extractable [C10-C36] hydrocarbons) organic compounds in soil per ECMC Table 915-1, and EC, SAR, pH, metals, and boron. All samples collected were and will be 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 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 wellhead and flowline areas occurred during abandonment activities. Field personnel field screened all disturbed areas using visual and olfactory senses to determine if laboratory confirmation sampling was required. The ECMC Wellhead and Flowline Closure Checklists were utilized and filled out during the abandonment process. A detailed summary of flowline decommissioning activities, including field notes, site photos, figures, and laboratory analytical results, is attached to this Form 27.

# SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

## SAMPLE SUMMARY

### Soil

Number of soil samples collected 4

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 1

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 100

### NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 17.7

-- Highest concentration of SAR 0.625

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 5

### 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

0 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?

Six background soil samples were collected from three locations near the wellhead on 8/28/2025 and analyzed for Table 915-1 metals in soil and Soil Suitability for Reclamation parameters per ECMC Table 915-1. The background soil samples were collected from depths of 2 and 4.5 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). The lithology between the site and background locations was observed to be well graded and clayey sands. The maximum background concentrations with a 1.25x multiplier applied for arsenic and barium were calculated to be 6.8 mg/kg and 211 mg/kg, respectively. All arsenic and barium concentrations observed during decommissioning were below 1.25 x max background levels. As such, arsenic and barium should be considered resolved. All other concentrations were below ECMC Table 915-1 Limits.

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?

Supplemental source mass removal will be completed to vertically and horizontally delineate the 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB) and 1,3,5-TMB exceedances observed during flowline decommissioning. A proposed SSMR map is attached to this Form 27. The SSMR will be completed in accordance with the proposed implementation schedule, and the results of the SSMR will be submitted on a subsequent Form 27.

## 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.

The 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB) and 1,3,5-TMB exceedances observed at sample location (WH01@5') on 8/28/2025 will be removed through a remedial excavation in accordance with the proposed excavation map attached to this Form 27. Soil samples will be collected from the base and sidewalls of the respective final excavation extents and will be submitted for analysis of the full ECMC Table 915-1 suite

### 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.

Supplemental source mass removal will be completed to vertically and horizontally delineate the 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB) and 1,3,5-TMB exceedances observed during flowline decommissioning. A proposed SSMR map is attached to this Form 27. The SSMR will be completed in accordance with the proposed implementation schedule, and the results of the SSMR will be submitted on a subsequent Form 27.

### Soil Remediation Summary

In Situ

- \_\_\_\_\_ Bioremediation ( or enhanced bioremediation )
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chemical oxidation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
- \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Attenuation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Groundwater was not encountered during site investigation activities.

# 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 Decommissioning Sample Summary, Supplemental Source Mass Removal and Site Investigation Proposals

## 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.

Operator does not have site-specific financial assurance for this project; however, Operator has inactive well, blanket, and surface bonding including Surety IDs 106077122, 106473808, and 106473820, as well as commercial general liability and/or umbrella/excess insurance meeting the 11 requirements of Rule 705.b. Operator does not anticipate making an insurance claim for this project.

- Further soil investigation/delineation is required.

Costs included herein are estimates only and may change over time based on numerous factors. Accordingly, Operator makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of such cost estimates, thus providing an estimate for the next year below.

Operator anticipates the remaining cost for this project to be: \$ 15000

## 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.

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. 08/28/2025

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 10/31/2027

## 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. 05/20/2025

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 09/17/2025

### SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 08/28/2025

Proposed site investigation commencement. 03/05/2026

Proposed completion of site investigation. 06/03/2026

### REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 06/03/2026

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 09/30/2026

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 changed due to the decommissioning of the BERNHARDT 18-1 wellhead and necessity for remedial excavation activities adjacent to the wellhead.

**OPERATOR COMMENT**

This Form 27 is being submitted to include a 4Q 2025 update for the BERNHARDT 18-1 wellhead (REM #41877) and decommissioning results and historic reportable release discovered at the former wellhead location. A proposal to excavate the 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB) and 1,3,5-TMB exceedances identified during decommissioning (soil sample WH01@5') is presented in the Remedial Action Plan section of this Form 27.

Based on laboratory analytical data, a historical release was reported on September 18, 2025, under F19 Document Number 404358801, for elevated 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (TMB) and 1,3,5-TMB at sample location WH01@5'.

The August 28, 2025, wellhead decommissioning sample results were summarized via supplemental Form 27 document number 404358168, which remains "In Process" at the time of this submittal.

Six background soil samples were collected from three locations near the wellhead on 8/28/2025 and analyzed for Table 915-1 metals in soil and Soil Suitability for Reclamation parameters per ECMC Table 915-1. The background soil samples were collected from depths of 2 and 4.5 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). The lithology between the site and background locations was observed to be well graded and clayey sands. The maximum background concentrations with a 1.25x multiplier applied for arsenic and barium were calculated to be 6.8 mg/kg and 211 mg/kg, respectively. All arsenic and barium concentrations observed during decommissioning were below 1.25 x max background levels. As such, arsenic and barium should be considered resolved. All other concentrations were below ECMC Table 915-1 Limits.

Pursuant to Rule 913.e, quarterly reporting will be conducted until closure criteria are achieved for the remediation project. The results of the supplemental site investigation will be submitted on a subsequent Form 27.

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

Signed: Kayla White, P.E.

Title: Environmental Consultant

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

Email: CVX-PM@cdhconsult.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: 41877

**COA Type**

**Description**

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**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**

404479221	LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORT
404483722	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

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