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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 #: 35408 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403784870

**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>123-38663</u>	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>WELLS RANCH AA35-69-1HNB</u>		Latitude: <u>40.448495</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.394101</u>
		** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____	Longitude: _____
QtrQtr: <u>NWNW</u>	Sec: <u>36</u>	Twps: <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 Grassland

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**

NA

# 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	N/A	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 on 11/26/2024 pertaining to the Wells Ranch AA35-69-1HNB wellhead cut and cap. Pursuant to ECMC Rule 911, a site investigation was conducted on 06/28/2024 pertaining to the Wells Ranch AA35-69-1HNB flowline removal. Approximately 1980' of flowline was abandoned in place. The flowline lies in common trench with at least one other line. So as to not disturb the other line (s) sharing the common trench, soil samples were taken at the wellhead flowline riser and at the separator flowline riser. The ECMC will be updated in a supplemental Form 27 if a portion of the flowline is able to be removed. The Form 44 document number associated with the flowline abandonment (Doc. #403887323) is included under approved Form 27 Doc. #404411836.

## **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 ):

On 11/26/2024, 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 (WH01@6'). On 06/28/2024, grab confirmation soil samples were collected at the wellhead excavation and start/end points of the flowline (FL01R-S@4' & FL01R-W@4'). Additionally, soil samples were field screened at the north, east and west sides of the wellhead (WH01-E@3', WH01-N@3', and WH01-W@3'). Soil samples were 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 analyzed by a certified laboratory using approved ECMC laboratory analysis methods.

During wellhead cut and cap activities, a soil sample was not field screened at the south side of the wellhead.

### **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 and inorganic compounds 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 area occurred during abandonment activities. Field personnel field screened all disturbed areas using visual and olfactory senses to determine if laboratory confirmation sampling is required.

# SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

**SAMPLE SUMMARY**

**Soil**

Number of soil samples collected 5  
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 5  
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? No  
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 500

**NA / ND**

ND Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) \_\_\_\_\_  
-- Highest concentration of SAR 0.155  
BTEX > 915-1 No  
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 6

**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?

On 11/26/2024, six background soil samples were collected from three discrete locations near the wellhead and analyzed for metals in soil per ECMC Table 915-1, pH, SAR, EC, and boron. Background soil samples were collected from depths ranging between 3 to 6 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). The maximum background concentrations for pH were observed to be 8.50. The maximum background concentrations with a 1.25x multiplier applied for arsenic and barium were calculated to be 4.83mg/kg and 117mg/kg, respectively. The analyzed samples were within ECMC Table 915-1 standards/maximum background concentrations except for pH in soil sample locations FL01R-S@4', FL01R-W@4', GL01R-01@5', and GL01R-W@4' and barium in soil sample locations FL01R-W@4', GL01R-01@5', GL01R-W@4' and WH01@6'.

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?

A supplemental site investigation (SSI) will be completed to vertically and horizontally delineate the pH exceedances observed during decommissioning. All soil samples collected will be analyzed for full ECMC Table 915-1 constituents. Concurrently with the SSI, additional background samples (5+) samples will be collected and analyzed for metals and inorganics in soil per ECMC Table 915-1 to determine if pH and barium exceedances found at FL01R-S, FL01R-W, GL01R-01, WH01@6' and GL0R-W are attributed to native soil conditions at the site. A proposed SSI map was submitted as an attachment to approved Form 27 (Doc. #404171479).

**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 impacted material caused by oil and gas operations was identified at this time.

**REMIEDIATION 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.

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**Soil Remediation Summary**

**In Situ**

**Ex Situ**

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 initial decommissioning 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 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:

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. 06/28/2024

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 12/31/2028

## 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. 05/09/2024

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

### **SITE INVESTIGATION DATES**

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 06/28/2024

Proposed site investigation commencement. 02/18/2025

Proposed completion of site investigation. 06/30/2026

### **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 updated to reflect the necessity to complete SSI activities for the Wells Ranch AA35-69-1HNB location. The proposed SSI is tentatively scheduled for completion by the end of 2Q 2026.

**OPERATOR COMMENT**

This Form 27 is being submitted to provide a 1Q 2026 timeline update for the Wells Ranch AA35-69-1HNB wellhead and flowline (REM #35408). No work has been completed since the last approved form. Active negotiations with landowner are in progress regarding access terms and timing.

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Pursuant to Rule 913.e., quarterly reporting will be conducted until all closure criteria are achieved for the remediation project. The results of the delineation and background soil sampling activities will be provided 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: Scott Williamson

Title: Environmental Consultant

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

Email: NorthernColoradoPM@montrose-env.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: 35408

**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.

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**Name**

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