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Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan (Initial 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 COGCC 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.

Refer to Rules 340, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, and 910

OPERATOR INFORMATION

Name of Operator: <u>PDC ENERGY INC</u>	Operator No: <u>69175</u>	Phone Numbers
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City: <u>DENVER</u>	State: <u>CO</u>	Zip: <u>80203</u>
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 16260Initial Form 27 Document #: 402574838

PURPOSE INFORMATION

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 901.e. Sensitive Area Determination | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(5), Rule 910.b.(4): Remediation of impacted ground water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(1), Rule 905: Pit or PW vessel closure | <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 909.e.(2)A.: Notice completion of remediation in accordance with Rule 909.b. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(2), Rule 906: Spill/Release Remediation | <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 909.e.(2)B.: Closure of remediation project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(3), Rule 907.e.: Land treatment of oily waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 906.c.: Director request |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 909.c.(4), Rule 908.g.: Centralized E&P Waste Management Facility closure | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

SITE INFORMATION

N Multiple Facilities (in accordance with Rule 909.c.)

Facility Type: <u>LOCATION</u>	Facility ID: <u>333319</u>	API #: _____	County Name: <u>WELD</u>
Facility Name: <u>LATHAM RESERVOIR-64N65W 2SESW</u>		Latitude: <u>40.335536</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.632817</u>
		** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: <u>40.335695</u>	Longitude: <u>-104.632785</u>
QtrQtr: <u>SESW</u>	Sec: <u>2</u>	Twp: <u>4N</u>	Range: <u>65W</u> Meridian: <u>6</u> Sensitive Area? <u>Yes</u>

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SMMost Sensitive Adjacent Land Use FWS WetlandsIs domestic water well within 1/4 mile? YesIs surface water within 1/4 mile? YesIs groundwater less than 20 feet below ground surface? Yes

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

Location is within FWS Wetland habitat classified as freshwater emergent wetlands. Location is within a CPW Sensitive Wildlife Habitat buffer of an active bald eagle roost and nest. An irrigation well is located approximately 1,308 feet east of the location. Occupied buildings are located approximately 1,001 feet east of the location. Lower Latham Reservoir is located approximately 991 feet northeast of the location.

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
Yes	GROUNDWATER	Refer to Table 2 and Figure 2.	Implementation of Initial Groundwater Assessment.
No	SOILS	Refer to Table 1 and Figure 1.	Implementation of Site Investigation Plan.

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

Description of initial action or emergency response measures take to abate, investigate, and/or remediate impacts associated with E&P Waste.

On September 23, 2020, a historic release was discovered while performing a pre-reclamation sub-surface survey. Groundwater was encountered at approximately 5 feet below ground surface. PDC and two other area operators utilized this this location for oil & gas activities. PDC plugged and abandoned all wells and the associated production facility in 2014 and performed partial reclamation of the area where the tank battery and one well was located. Oxy had midstream gas gathering unit that collected gas from PDC and offsite Noble wells. Oxy and Noble ceased operations on this location in 2019.

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 September 2 and October 14, 2020, nine boreholes (BH01 - BH09) were advanced using direct-push drilling methods to approximately 10 feet below ground surface (bgs). Lithologic conditions and volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations using a photoionization detector (PID) were recorded for each borehole. Soil samples were collected from intervals which exhibited elevated field-measured VOC concentrations or within the capillary fringe zone. Eleven soil samples were submitted for laboratory analysis of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes (BTEX), naphthalene, and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) – gasoline range organics (GRO) by EPA Method 8260B, TPH– diesel range organics (DRO) by EPA Method 8015. Analytical results indicated that organic compound concentrations were below the applicable COGCC Table 910-1 standards in all borehole locations. Borehole locations are illustrated on Figure 1 and soil analytical results are summarized in Table 1.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

☒ Will groundwater samples be collected as part of this investigation? (Number, analyses, and locations of samples):

Between September 14 and October 22, 2020, initial groundwater assessment activities were conducted to assess and confirm dissolved-phase hydrocarbon impacts. Groundwater samples were collected from nine monitoring wells (BH01 - BH09) and submitted to Summit Scientific Laboratories for analysis of BTEX by EPA Method 8260B. Analytical results indicated that the benzene concentration was in exceedance of the applicable COGCC Table 910-1 groundwater standard in monitoring well BH04. The remaining wells exhibited BTEX concentrations below regulatory standards. Monitoring well locations and groundwater analytical results are illustrated on Figure 2 and groundwater elevations are illustrated on Figure 3. Groundwater laboratory results are summarized in Table 2.

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):

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 11

Number of soil samples exceeding 910-1 0

Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 13071

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 5.7

NA Highest concentration of SAR

BTEX > 910-1 No

Vertical Extent > 910-1 (in feet) 10

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 10

Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? Yes

Depth to groundwater (below ground surface, in feet) 5'

Number of groundwater monitoring wells installed 9

Number of groundwater samples exceeding 910-1 2

-- Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l) 990

ND Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)

-- Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l) 110

-- Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l) 630

NA Highest concentration of Methane (mg/l)

Surface Water

0 Number of surface water samples collected

0 Number of surface water samples exceeding 910-1

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

SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

Following the pre-reclamation sub-survey conducted in September 2020, dissolved-phase impacts were discovered south of the former PDC tank battery location. Based on the results from a desktop review, the location of dissolved-phase impacts are in proximity of the historic tank battery location originally located on the southern half of the lease area, which was maintained by former operators.

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.

Based on the analytical results collected during the initial groundwater assessment, monitored natural attenuation will be selected as the interim remediation strategy to address remaining dissolved-phase hydrocarbon impacts for the first quarter 2021.

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 COGCC 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
- ☐ Yes 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.

Between September 2 and October 14, 2020, nine monitoring wells (BH01 - BH09) were installed via direct-push drilling methods to assess and delineate dissolved-phase hydrocarbon impacts. Quarterly groundwater monitoring will continue using EPA SW-846 analytical methods until closure criteria are achieved.

REMEDIATION PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIODIC REPORTING

Frequency: ☒ Quarterly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Annually ☐ Other _____

Report Type: ☒ Groundwater Monitoring ☐ Land Treatment Progress Report ☐ O&M Report
☐ Other _____

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 _____

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: _____

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: _____

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

E&P waste (liquid) description _____

COGCC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: _____

Non-COGCC Disposal Facility: _____

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 conducted in accordance with COGCC 1004 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 approve the seed mix? _____

If NO, does the seed mix comply with local soil conservation district recommendations? _____

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

PRIOR DATES

Date of Surface Owner notification/consultation, if required. 09/23/2020

Actual Spill or Release date, if known. _____

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 09/02/2020

Date of commencement of Site Investigation. 09/02/2020

Date of completion of Site Investigation. _____

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Date of commencement of Remediation. 09/02/2020

Date of completion of Remediation. _____

SITE RECLAMATION DATES

Date of commencement of Reclamation. _____

Date of completion of Reclamation. _____

OPERATOR COMMENT

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

Signed: ` Karen Olson _____

Title: Senior Program Manager _____

Submit Date: ` 01/15/2021 _____

Email: COGCCSpillRemediation@pdce.com _____

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan complies with COGCC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved: Candice (Nikki) Graber _____

Date: 01/19/2021 _____

Remediation Project Number: 16260 _____

COA Type**Description**

	Location lies within the recommended buffer of a Bald Eagle Roost. Please note that Approval of this Form 27 does not supersede any Federal, State or Local regulations pertaining to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. COGCC recommends consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Agency.
	Operator will adhere to Table 915-1 Cleanup Concentrations and begin sampling for the Organic Compounds in Groundwater (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, naphthalene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene).

Attachment Check 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**

402574838	FORM 27-INITIAL-SUBMITTED
402576117	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
402576328	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
402576330	GROUND WATER SAMPLE LOCATION
402576332	GROUND WATER ELEVATION MAP

Total Attach: 5 Files

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