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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 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.

Closure request is not available for an Initial Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan.

OPERATOR INFORMATION

Name of Operator: WHITING OIL & GAS CORPORATION	Operator No: 96155	Phone Numbers Phone: (432) 6616647 Mobile: (432) 6616647
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 22618 Initial Form 27 Document #: 402936420

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: WELL	Facility ID:	API #: 103-07369	County Name: RIO BLANCO
Facility Name: EMERALD 147	Latitude: 40.097488	Longitude: -108.907450	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude:		Longitude:	
QtrQtr: NESW	Sec: 36	Twp: 2N	Range: 103W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications GM Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Livestock Grazing

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

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	SOILS	Unknown	Field Screening via PID and visual

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

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

In accordance with Rule 911.a we are submitting this Form 27 to close the orphan well pad. Historically in this area we have occasionally encountered what appears to be historical drill cuttings remaining adjacent to the wells. This Form 27 workplan is being submitted to address the cuttings if encountered.

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):

Whiting has collected >70 discrete confirmation samples and analyzed them for the full Table 915-1 Cleanup Concentrations during the assessment and remediation at multiple indistinguishable orphan well sites in the same field. Upon review of this data the PAH by EPA Method 8270D results consistently (in over 70+ samples) found impacts from non-detect to significantly lower than Table 915-1 cleanup concentration levels (see attached cumulative Confirmation Sample Result Table). Based upon these results Whiting is proposing a Modified Table 915-1 analysis suite that does not include the PAH analytes as it is not a constituent of concern at these sites. All other Table 915-1 analytes will be included in the Modified Table 915-1 Cleanup Concentrations. (see continued sampling plan under comments...)

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

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 6
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 4
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? Yes
Approximate areal extent (square feet) 130

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 0
Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? No
Depth to groundwater (below ground surface, in feet)
Number of groundwater monitoring wells installed
Number of groundwater samples exceeding 915-1

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.

NA / ND

ND Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)
-- Highest concentration of SAR 7.08
BTEX > 915-1 No
Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 4
ND Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l)
ND Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)
ND Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l)
ND Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l)
NA Highest concentration of Methane (mg/l)

OTHER INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

☐ Were impacts to adjacent property or offsite impacts identified?

☒ Were background samples collected as part of this site investigation?

Multiple discrete background grab samples were collected throughout the field to determine the naturally occurring background concentrations of EC, SAR, pH, and Arsenic. The resulting lab data indicated that EC ranged from 0.178 to 10.4 mmhos/cm, SAR was < 6, pH ranged from 7.89 to 9.04, and Arsenic ranged from 4.67 to 8.08 mg/kg. These ranges along with Table 915-1 were utilized to evaluate the onsite samples.

☐ 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? No

SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY

Describe how source is to be removed.

If encountered the cuttings will be removed via a combination of mechanical and hand excavation in an effort to minimize disturbing the surrounding vegetation. The removed cuttings will be staged onsite.

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.

If encountered the cuttings (or any impacted material) will be staged and shredded onsite adjacent to the wells. The cuttings will then be processed through a soil shredder with a combination of soil and/or amendments at a ratio necessary to achieve Modified Table 915-1 Cleanup Concentrations.

Soil Remediation Summary

☐ In Situ

☒ Ex Situ

 Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

No Excavate and offsite disposal

_____ Chemical oxidation
_____ Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
_____ Natural Attenuation
_____ Other _____

If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____

Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or COGCC Facility ID # _____

Yes _____ Excavate and onsite remediation
No _____ Land Treatment
No _____ Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)
No _____ Chemical oxidation
Yes _____ Other _____ Soil shredding

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.

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

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

WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Was E&P waste generated as part of this remediation?

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:

REMEDIATION COMPLETION REPORT

REMEDIATION COMPLETION SUMMARY

Is this a Final Closure Request for this Remediation Project? Yes

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? Yes

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations? Yes

Does Groundwater meet Table 915-1 standards? Yes

Is additional groundwater monitoring to be conducted? _____

Operator shall comply with the COGCC 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.

The location will be reclaimed to the present grade of the location or to the approximate original contour of the landscape and consistent with the 1000-series Rule. Seeding of the disturbed area will be performed in accordance with its intended use. The seed mix will be prescribed by the landowner. There are no known noxious weeds in the immediate area of the disturbance.

Is the described reclamation complete? _____

Does the reclamation described herein constitute interim or final reclamation of the Oil and Gas Location?

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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. _____

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. _____

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. _____

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. _____

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 03/15/2022

Proposed site investigation commencement. _____

Proposed completion of site investigation. _____

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.

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Change from approved implementation schedule per Rule 913.d.(2).

Basis for change in implementation schedule:

OPERATOR COMMENT

Six (6) soil samples were collected from the former wellhead, area of concern, and tailings piles at Emerald 147 on 4/14/2022 and 6/15/2022 and analyzed for COGCC Table 915-1 contaminants of concern minus PAH analysis as approved by COGCC. The locations of the former wellhead, area of concern, and tailings pile are shown on Figure 1. Laboratory test results indicated that contaminants of concern were either not detected at or above the laboratory reporting limit or were below COGCC Table 915-1 cleanup concentrations, excluding electrical conductivity (EC), sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), and arsenic. A summary of concentrations detected above COGCC Table 915-1 cleanup concentrations is provided below.

- Electrical Conductivity (EC): EC was detected at concentrations of 6.77 and 6.40 mmhos/cm which, is above the Table 915-1 cleanup concentration of < 4 mmhos/cm, but are within background EC concentrations, which range from 0.178 and 10.4 mmhos/cm.
- Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR): SAR was detected at concentrations of 6.04 and 7.08 SAR units on 4/14/2022, which is above the Table 915-1 cleanup concentration of 6 SAR units, but after additional treatment was resampled on 6/15/2022 and was detected at concentrations of 0.717 and 0.927 SAR units, which are below the Table 915-1 cleanup concentrations.
- Arsenic: Arsenic was detected at concentrations of 8.29, 6.07, 6.06, and 6.83 mg/kg, which are above the Table 915-1 cleanup concentration of 0.68 mg/kg, but are within background arsenic concentrations, which range from 4.16 mg/kg to 10.4 mg/kg

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

Signed: Kyle Waggoner

Title: Reclamation Coordinator

Submit Date: 07/14/2022

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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: John Heil

Date: 07/28/2022

Remediation Project Number: 22618

Condition of Approval**COA Type****Description**

	Based on a review of the information provided, it appears that no further action is necessary at this time and COGCC approves the closure request. Should conditions at the site indicate contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding COGCC standards, or, if groundwater is found to be significantly impacted, further investigation and/or remediation activities may be required at the site.
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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**

403105604	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
403105618	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403105620	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403105622	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403105623	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403105625	SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP

Total Attach: 6 Files

General Comments**User Group****Comment****Comment Date**

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