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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.

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 #: 25222 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403141768

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: PIT	Facility ID: 256220	API #:	County Name: ADAMS
Facility Name: LINNEBUR 32-8	Latitude: 39.807320	Longitude: -104.114040	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 39.806854		Longitude: -104.114283	
QtrQtr: SENE	Sec: 8	Twp: 3S	Range: 60W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No
Facility Type: LOCATION	Facility ID: 320466	API #:	County Name: ADAMS
Facility Name: LINNEBUR-63S60W 8E2NW	Latitude: 39.807134	Longitude: -104.114457	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude:		Longitude:	
QtrQtr: E2NW	Sec: 8	Twp: 3S	Range: 60W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications CL

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Rangeland

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

The Linnebur 21,32-8 battery is surrounded by vacant land in all directions. There are no residences within a quarter mile of the wellhead. There are no domestic groundwater wells mapped within a quarter mile of the battery, but one industrial well permit (58450-F) mapped within the battery location pad reported a static water level of 80 feet below ground surface at the time of completion. East Bijou Creek is mapped 0.50 mile west of the site, with a native aquatic species high priority habitat mapped over a quarter mile from the site.

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	No known impacts	Investigation Pending

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

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

Western Operating proposes to conduct facility closure activities at the Linnebur battery. Facility closure is planned to commence after P&A activities are complete at both the Linnebur 21-8 and the Linnebur 32-8 wellheads. Western Operating will conduct site investigation activities, field screening, and confirmation soil sampling activities during closure of each qualifying production equipment type in accordance with COGCC 900 Series Rules. Discreet soil samples and, if necessary, groundwater samples, will be collected and analyzed pursuant to Rule 915, following the general sample collection guidance in Rule 915.e.(2) and Rule 915.e.(3). Pit closure samples will be collected in accordance with Rule 911.c. Pit Closure Guidance document. All waste generated during the closure activities will be managed and disposed of in accordance with Rules 905 and 906. See the attached Figure 1 for an illustration of the location of the Site.

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 minimum of five discreet soil samples will be collected for field screening from qualifying equipment to be decommissioned. At least four of the samples will be submitted to an accredited laboratory for analysis of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes (BTEX), naphthalene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene and Gasoline Range Organics (GRO) [C6-C10] by EPA Method 8260 and for Diesel Range Organics (DRO) [C10-C28] and Residual Range Organics (RRO) [C28-C40] by EPA Method 8015. Analytical results for GRO, DRO, and RRO will be added together to calculate Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH). One sample from each end of the dump lines decommissioned from this location will be analyzed for the Soil Suitability for Reclamation parameters; Electrical Conductivity (EC), Sodium Absorption Ratio (SAR), pH by Saturated Paste Method, and boron by Hot Water-Soluble Soil Extract Method. See the attached Figure 2 for an illustration of the tank battery layout and proposed discreet

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

If groundwater is encountered during site investigation activities, one groundwater sample will be collected for analysis of BTEX, naphthalene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene by EPA Method 8260.

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):

A minimum of six soil samples will be collected from the subsurface within and surrounding the historical earthen pit. A five-point composite sample will be collected from each of the four berms and submitted for laboratory analysis of Soil Suitability for Reclamation parameters. Grab samples from the floor of the pit will be collected from approximately 1 foot (ft) and 3ft below ground surface at two discrete locations. Shallow floor samples will be submitted for BTEX, naphthalene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, TPH and Soil Suitability for Reclamation parameters. The deeper floor samples will be field-screened and held at the laboratory pending results of shallow sampling. If exceedances are indicated, these samples will be analyzed for delineation. As needed, additional samples may be collected from underneath or outside of the berms for delineation. See the attached Figure 2 for an illustration of the tank battery layout and proposed discreet soil sample locations.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected _____ 0
Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 _____
Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? _____
Approximate areal extent (square feet) _____

NA / ND

_____ Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) _____
_____ Highest concentration of SAR _____
_____ BTEX > 915-1 _____
_____ Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) _____

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 _____

_____ 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?

☐ 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.

Operator will either dig and haul impacted soils to a commercial landfill or treat impacted soils above COGCC Table 915-1 concentration levels onsite. Any identified impacts above reporting thresholds will be reported as required for each discovery via Form 19 submittal.

REMEDATION 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.

As needed, a remediation or closure plan will be developed based on the results of the confirmation soil sampling results and submitted to COGCC via Supplemental Form 27.

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
_____ Natural Attenuation
_____ Other _____

_____ 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
_____ 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:

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 activities will be completed in accordance with 1000 Series Rules, in collaboration with the landowner.

Is the described reclamation complete? _____

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. _____

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). 08/19/2022

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.

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

Basis for change in implementation schedule:

OPERATOR COMMENT

This Form 27 was prepared to notify the COGCC of the closure of production equipment associated with this location. Two separate Form 27 have been prepared for the closure of the associated Linnebur 21-8 wellhead (API: 05-001-09394), the Linnebur 32-8 wellhead (API: 05-001-06025) and their related wellhead lines. The landowner will be notified prior to decommissioning activities. Follow-up reporting will be submitted via a Form 27 Supplemental within 90 days after work is completed. Please find attached a Topographic Location Map, and a Proposed Soil Sampling Locations Diagram.

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

Signed: Steve James

Title: President

Submit Date: 08/19/2022

Email: steve@westernoperating.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: CHRIS CANFIELD

Date: 09/30/2022

Remediation Project Number: 25222

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

0 COA	

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**

403141768	FORM 27-INITIAL-SUBMITTED
403141895	MAP
403141897	SITE MAP

Total Attach: 3 Files

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