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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

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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 23988 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403094829

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: LOCATION	Facility ID: 305394	API #: _____	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: GUTTERSEN STATE DD-63N63W 8NESW	Latitude: 40.238351	Longitude: -104.463754	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: 40.233012		Longitude: -104.458695	
QtrQtr: NESW	Sec: 8	Twp: 3N	Range: 63W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes
Facility Type: SPILL OR RELEASE	Facility ID: 482987	API #: _____	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: Gutteresen State DD08-11,13	Latitude: 40.233004	Longitude: -104.458349	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: SWSE	Sec: 8	Twp: 3N	Range: 63W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SW _____

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Range Land _____

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

Pronghorn Winter Concentration

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	GROUNDWATER	NA	Lab analysis if encountered
Yes	SOILS	5' x 5' x 7' BGS	Lab analysis

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

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

A site investigation was conducted pursuant to COGCC Rule 911 at the GUTTERSEN ST T3N-R63W-S8 L01 Tank Battery location.

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):

Eight (8) grab confirmation soil samples were collected from the produced water vessel(s) excavation, beneath the ground oil tank(s), and at the separator (s). Soil samples were analyzed by a certified laboratory for TPH (total volatile [C6-C10] and extractable [C10-C36] hydrocarbons), organic compounds in soil per COGCC Table 915-1, and EC, SAR, pH, and boron. All samples collected were analyzed by a certified laboratory using approved COGCC 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 will be collected and analyzed for all organic compounds per COGCC 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):

A Site Assessment was conducted on 10/03/2022 to delineate impacted media. Five soil borings were advanced in the area of impacts. BH01 was advanced at the same location as the waste characterization sample FS01@7' to vertically delineate impacts at that location. BH02-BH05 were advanced surrounding BH01 to vertically and laterally delineate impacts identified at FS01@7'. Soil samples were collected and analyzed for TPH (total volatile [C6-C10] and extractable [C10-C36] hydrocarbons), organic compounds in soil, metals in soil per COGCC Table 915-1, and EC, SAR, pH, and boron. Groundwater was not encountered during this assessment.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 23

NA / ND

ND Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) _____

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 20

-- Highest concentration of SAR 6.46

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

BTEX > 915-1 No

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 25

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 7

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 0

Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l)

Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? No

Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)

Depth to groundwater (below ground surface, in feet)

Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l)

Number of groundwater monitoring wells installed

Highest concentration of Xylene (µg/l)

Number of groundwater samples exceeding 915-1

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?

A total of ten background soil samples were collected from five discrete locations on October 3, 2022.

☐ 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.

The source was delineated through an environmental site assessment. The source will be left in place, pending the approval of using COGCC Table 915-1 RSSL standards to close the remediation.

REMEDIAL 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.

During the site assessment, groundwater was not encountered in any of the five soil borings advanced to 13-15-ft bgs. A 3-5-ft thick stiff-clay confining layer was encountered at the site from 10-15-ft bgs to prevent communication with potential groundwater. Furthermore, a desktop review was conducted using Colorado's Division of Water Resources (DWR) Well Permit Research site to identify permitted wells within a 0.5-mile radius of the release point. One permitted well was identified within the search radius and was located approximately 1,880-ft north of the release point. The well permit records indicate a static water level of 173-ft bgs is present in the region. Given the stiff-clay confining layer encountered from 10-15-ft bgs., and the lack of a shallow groundwater table at the site, Noble requests to use COGCC Table 915-1 RSSL standards when evaluating soil sampling results at the site.

The use of COGCC Table 915-1 RSSL standards eliminates 1-methylnaphthalene, barium, cadmium, nickel, and selenium as contaminants of concern at the site. While there are arsenic levels present in soil boring samples above COGCC Table 915-1 RSSL standards and above site-specific background standards, arsenic appears to be generally elevated at increasing concentrations with depth at the site. Average concentrations of arsenic at the 2-3-ft bgs, 7-8-ft bgs, and 14-15' bgs were 0.92 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), 3.86 mg/kg, and 4.53 mg/kg, respectively. Since this trend for arsenic concentrations is present at all borehole locations advanced during the site assessment, and since there is no evidence to suggest vertical or lateral migration of the hydrocarbon release identified in the decommissioning sample FS01@7', then elevated arsenic is representative of naturally occurring conditions at the site and is not related to the hydrocarbon release. As such, arsenic should not be considered a contaminant of concern at the site.

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
_____ 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 closure report

☐ 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 Laboratory analytical, photos, figures, and checklists. Site Assessment Report

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 (policy MWZZ 316714) and financial assurance in compliance with COGCC rules. Records are available on the COGCC'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

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? 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 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.

A site specific reclamation plan will be generated to address the pH exceedance identified within the root zone at sample location SEP01-DL@2'. Reclamation will be in accordance with COGCC 1000 Series Rules.

Is the described reclamation complete? No _____

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. 09/26/2022

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). _____

Proposed site investigation commencement. 07/15/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. 10/10/2022

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 10/10/2022

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 05/07/2023

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

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

Signed: Allan Engelhardt

Title: Environmental Consultant

Submit Date: 12/19/2022

Email: chevroneform@tasman-geo.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: BOB CHESSON

Date: 02/14/2023

Remediation Project Number: 23988

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**

403265399	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
403265412	OTHER
403315037	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Total Attach: 3 Files

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