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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: CAERUS PICEANCE LLC	Operator No: 10456	Phone Numbers
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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 24106 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403066651

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: WELL AND FLOWLINE ABANDONMENT FOR THE BENZEL 36-13A

SITE INFORMATION

Yes Multiple Facilities

Facility Type: WELL	Facility ID:	API #: 045-08178	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: BENZEL 36-13A (K36B)	Latitude: 39.482550	Longitude: -107.727000	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude:		Longitude:	
QtrQtr: NESW	Sec: 36	Twp: 6S	Range: 93W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes
Facility Type: FLOWLINE	Facility ID: 334899	API #:	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: BENZEL-66S93W 36NESW	Latitude: 39.482550	Longitude: -107.727000	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude:		Longitude:	
QtrQtr: NESW	Sec: 36	Twp: 6S	Range: 93W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications ML _____

Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Grazing/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

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) To impacts have been identified _____

DESCRIPTION OF IMPACT

Impacted?	Impacted Media	Extent of Impact	How Determined
UNDETERMINED	SOILS	To be determined	Laboratory analysis

INITIAL ACTION SUMMARY

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

Caerus is providing this Form 27 as an initial notification for the plug and abandonment of the Benzel 36-13A natural gas well and associated flowline on the 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):

Caerus will follow the COGCC Rule 911.a.(4) Operator Guidance document to photo-document, field screen and soil sample, the P&A process of both the well head and flowline.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

Caerus does not anticipate encountering groundwater associated with the well head and flowline P&A process. If groundwater is encountered, Caerus will notify the COGCC and attempt to collect a representative sample for analysis.

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 8

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 8

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 250

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

Number of surface water samples exceeding 915-1

If surface water is impacted, other agency notification may be required.

NA / ND

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 407

-- Highest concentration of SAR 2.82

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 0

NA Highest concentration of Benzene (µg/l)

NA Highest concentration of Toluene (µg/l)

NA Highest concentration of Ethylbenzene (µg/l)

NA 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?

Background soil samples were collected in support of this project and are included on the attached report of work completed.

☐ 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.

No source of impact has been identified to date for the proposed activities. If impacts are identified and confirmed through laboratory analysis, Caerus will provide this information to the COGCC with plans for source removal.

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.

No source of impact has been identified to date for the proposed activities. If impacts are identified and confirmed through laboratory analysis, Caerus will provide this information to the COGCC with plans for source removal.

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

_____ No Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)
_____ No Chemical oxidation
_____ No Air sparge / Soil vapor extraction
_____ No Natural Attenuation
_____ No 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 is not expected to be encountered at the site. If groundwater is identified, Caerus will attempt to collect a sample for analysis and will provide these results to the COGCC under Supplemental eForm 27.

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 Q4 2022 REM update and NFA request

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.

Plug and Abandonment costs associated with this P&A Form 27 would be covered under Caerus' active Plugging Insurance (Surety ID 20190099).

Operator anticipates the remaining cost for this project to be: \$ 0

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.

Caerus plans to return the disturbed area to the active working surface of the well pad for continued operation.

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? Yes

If YES, does the seed mix comply with local soil conservation district recommendations? Yes

Did the local soil conservation district provide the seed mix? Yes

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). 06/17/2022

Proposed site investigation commencement. _____

Proposed completion of site investigation. 11/01/2022

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

Caerus requests to utilize background soil samples collected north of the D12 well pad (COGCC Location ID 334603) located approximately 1 mile south of the K36B well pad. The soil types are the same, soil map unit 55: Potts loam, 3 to 6% slopes, and the landform features are the same.

The nearest groundwater well (Permit Number 4778) is located approximately 1 mile northwest of the site and indicates groundwater is 93 feet below ground surface. The elevation of the K36B well pad (REM project site) is 5,978 feet above sea level and the elevation of groundwater well Permit Number 4778 is 5,784 feet above sea level. Based on this information, Caerus requests to utilize COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations for the project as there is no reasonable pathway for groundwater at the site.

Based on the field investigation and sample analytical results outlined in the attached report of work completed, Caerus requests closure and no further action for COGCC Remediation Project Number 24106.

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

Signed: Blair Rollins

Title: EHS Specialist

Submit Date: 01/18/2023

Email: brollins@caerusoilandgas.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: Steven Arauza

Date: 02/16/2023

Remediation Project Number: 24106

COA Type

Description

	Based on review of information presented it appears that no further action is necessary at this time, and COGCC approves the closure request. However, should future conditions at the site indicate contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding COGCC standards or if surface and/or ground water is found to be impacted, then further investigation and/or remediation activities will be required at the site. In addition, the non-working surface area disturbed by the remediation activity shall be reclaimed in accordance with the 1000 Series Reclamation Rules including the establishment of vegetative cover on non-cropland and successful growth on cropland. Landowner must approve reclamation of cropland.
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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

403293788	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
403293792	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Total Attach: 2 Files

General Comments

User Group

Comment

Comment Date

Environmental	Note to Operator: the attached report from Kleinfelder (doc #403293792) Table 2 lists ND for analytes which were not detected above the laboratory method detection limit (MDL.) Please have environmental consultants report these results using the "< MDL" format instead of simply reporting "ND" on analytical summaries to document compliance with Rule 915.e.(1).C.	02/16/2023
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