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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 #: 23722 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403080734

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: WELL	Facility ID: _____	API #: 123-22910	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: GUTTERSEN STATE DD 8-11	Latitude: 40.238351	Longitude: -104.463754	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: NESW	Sec: 8	Twp: 3N	Range: 63W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? Yes
Facility Type: SPILL OR RELEASE	Facility ID: 482997	API #: _____	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: Gutteresen State DD08-11	Latitude: 40.233314	Longitude: -104.458209	
** 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 _____

Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? Yes _____

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

HPH Y - 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	laboratory analysis if encountered
Yes	SOILS	5' X 5' X 3' BGS	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.

Pursuant to COGCC Rule 911 a site investigation was conducted pertaining to the GUTTERSEN STATE DD08-11 wellhead cut and cap and flowline removal. Approximately 3,474' of flowline was removed. The wellhead was cut and capped per COGCC rules. Additionally, soil samples were collected at any points of material change and/or hammer unions, and directional changes. The Flowline Pre-Abandonment Notice Document number was included under Related Forms.

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):

One (1) grab soil sample was collected at the base of the excavation or the area showing the highest degree of impact during field screening activities at the wellhead excavation. Additionally, five (5) soil samples were collected at any points of material change and/or hammer unions and directional changes during the flowline removal. 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. Additionally, one soil sample was collected for COGCC Table 915-1 metals. 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):

Visual inspection of the wellhead and flowline areas occurred during abandonment activities. Field personnel field screened all disturbed areas using visual and olfactory senses to determine if laboratory confirmation sampling was required. The COGCC Flowline Closure and Wellhead Closure Checklists were utilized and filled out during the abandonment process. A photolog was submitted on the Subsequent Form 27.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

NA / ND

Number of soil samples collected 15

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 15

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 80

-- Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg) 80

-- Highest concentration of SAR 1

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 3

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?

A total of ten background samples were collected from five discrete locations during the Guttarsen State DD08-11,13 site investigation (Remediation Number 23988). The results of the background sampling were submitted to the COGCC under Form 27 Document Number 403265399.

☐ 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 identified at FL01-G@3' has been successfully delineated vertically and laterally by site assessment soil borings BH01 through BH05. Based on the successful delineation and lack of a pathway to groundwater identified at the Site, Noble proposes to apply COGCC Table 915-1 RSSLs to the Site, which would eliminate benz(a) identified at FL01-G@3' and barium identified at BH01@6', BH02@6', and BH04@6' as contaminants of concern. Based on the metals evaluation presented in the Results section of this report, arsenic and selenium should not be considered contaminants of concern at the Site. As such, Noble requests a No Further Action (NFA) designation for the Site from the COGCC and proposes to leave the soil impacts above COGCC Table 915-1 GW SSLs identified during flowline decommissioning be left in place.

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.

Refer to the Results section of the attached Site Assessment Report and the Operator Comments section of this Form 27 for a detailed discussion regarding the elimination of metals as contaminants of concern, and for evidence to justify utilizing COGCC Table 915-1 RSSLs at the site.

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 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.

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

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? 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.

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. 09/24/2023

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 09/24/2024

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. 06/22/2023

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 06/22/2023

Proposed date of completion of Remediation. 09/24/2023

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

Background soil samples were previously collected approximately 145 feet southeast of the Site during the Gutteresen State DD08-11, 13 Facility site assessment and reported to the COGCC on 02/14/2023 on Supplemental Form 27 Document Number 403265399. During that site assessment, a total of ten background samples were collected from five discrete locations and analyzed for metals in soil per COGCC Table 915-1. The average background concentrations of arsenic, barium, and selenium with a 1.25 multiplier applied were calculated to be 2.09 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), 62.6 mg/kg, and 0.511 mg/kg, respectively. The average site assessment soil boring concentrations of arsenic, barium, and selenium were calculated to be 2.38 mg/kg, 74.6 mg/kg, and 0.260 mg/kg, respectively. In the case of calculating the average concentrations of selenium where selenium was not detected above the laboratory reporting limit, the reporting limit was used in the calculation. Average background concentrations for selenium were calculated to be higher than their average concentrations in the soil boring samples.

Although background concentrations for arsenic were initially calculated to be lower than the average concentrations in the decommissioning and site assessment samples, two abnormally high concentrations of arsenic were identified at soil sample locations BH02@6' and BH04@6'. At those sample locations, there is a distinct lack of evidence suggesting that the subsurface chemistry at has been altered due to oil and gas activity (i.e., elevated PID readings, hydrocarbon staining or odors, elevated pH, EC, SAR, and boron). Based on the lack of hydrocarbon and inorganic chemical alteration in the subsurface at soil sample locations BH02@6' and BH04@6', those abnormally high concentrations of arsenic should be considered background concentrations. By applying those concentrations to the average background calculations, the new average background concentration for arsenic was calculated to be 2.74 mg/kg, and the average site assessment soil boring concentration was calculated to be 1.74 mg/kg. Based on a comparison of metals concentrations in site assessment soil samples to established background levels at the site, arsenic and selenium should not be considered contaminants of concern at the Site.

While concentrations of barium remain at the Site above COGCC Table 915-1 GW SSLs, groundwater was not encountered during the decommissioning or site assessment activities. As such, a desktop review of Colorado's Division of Water Resources (DWR) Well Permit Research Mapper was performed to determine the depth to water below ground surface in permitted water wells within a 0.5- mile radius of decommissioning sample FL01-G@3'. For a visual representation of the results of this inquiry refer to Figure 4 of the attached Site Assessment Report. One permitted water well (permit ID 7895-) was identified within the 0.5-mile radius, approximately 1,737 ft to the north of FL01-G@3' and is at roughly the same ground surface elevation as the Site. According to the permit records, the static groundwater level in this well is 173 ft bgs. Since groundwater is recorded to be 173 ft bgs in the region of the Site, and since soil impacts at the Site are limited to less than 6 ft bgs, there is no pathway for contaminant migration to the groundwater table. As such, Noble proposes to utilize COGCC Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels (RSSLs) when evaluating soil sample analytical results. The use of COGCC Table 915-1 RSSLs eliminates barium in the site assessment soil samples and benzo(a)anthracene in decommissioning soil sample FL01-G@3' as contaminants of concern.

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: _____

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: _____

Date: _____

Remediation Project Number: 23722

COA Type

Description

0 COA	
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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

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SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Total Attach: 1 Files

General Comments

User Group

Comment

Comment Date

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Total: 0 comment(s)