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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 ECMC 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 #: 38087 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403929237

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: SPILL OR RELEASE	Facility ID: 487672	API #: _____	County Name: GARFIELD
Facility Name: 8" D23A Lateral	Latitude: 39.606880	Longitude: -108.143140	
** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____		Longitude: _____	
QtrQtr: NWNW	Sec: 23	Twp: 5S	Range: 96W
Meridian: 6	Sensitive Area? Yes		

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications GC Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Non-crop land

Is domestic water well within 1/4 mile? No Is surface water within 1/4 mile? Yes

Is groundwater less than 20 feet below ground surface? No

Other Potential Receptors within 1/4 mile

West Fork of Parachute Creek is located approximately 235 feet west.

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
Yes	SOILS	To be determined	Soil sampling and 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.

On August 21, 2024, liquid was observed surfacing from a buried pipeline approximately 315 feet north of the D23A well pad. An unknown volume of condensate and produced water was released from the line. The release was reported via Energy & Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) Form 19 Document 403896466 to open Spill/Release Point ID 487672.

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):

Soil samples will be collected as needed to characterize the extent of potential soil impacts associated with the release. Prior to additional soil sampling, QB Energy requests a reduced analyte suite of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), benzene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, naphthalene, sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), and boron for all future investigation. See the attached Report of Work Completed (ROWC) for details.

Proposed Groundwater Sampling

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

Groundwater is not anticipated to be encountered. If groundwater is encountered during site investigation activities, QB Energy will attempt to collect a sample for characterization.

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 1

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 1

Was the areal and vertical extent of soil contamination delineated? No

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 360

Groundwater

Number of groundwater samples collected 0

Was extent of groundwater contaminated delineated? Yes

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) 6329

-- Highest concentration of SAR 36.5

BTEX > 915-1 Yes

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 6

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)

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?

See the Proposed Sampling section and the attached ROWC.

REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN**SOURCE REMOVAL SUMMARY**

Describe how source is to be removed.

QB Energy is in the process of determining the extent of impacts associated with the project. Once impacts are delineated, QB Energy will prepare a remediation plan to remove the source material within the release area.

REMEDIATION 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.

On August 28, 2024, initial sampling activities were conducted to characterize soil impacts at the point of release (POR). the POR was identified and the damaged section of pipeline was removed. The excavation extent around the POR measured approximately 30 feet by 14 feet and extended to 6.5 feet below ground surface (bgs). One soil sample was collected at the base of the excavation, directly below the POR and submitted for analysis of Table 915-1 soil constituents of concern. Analytical results of the POR sample exceed Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Levels (RSSLs) for TPH, benzene, ethylbenzenes, xylene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, naphthalene, SAR, boron, and arsenic. See the attached ROWC for additional details

Soil Remediation Summary☐ In Situ☒ Ex Situ

Bioremediation (or enhanced bioremediation)

Yes Excavate and offsite disposal

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

If Yes: Estimated Volume (Cubic Yards) _____ 101

Name of Licensed Disposal Facility or ECMC 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 Request to open Remediation Project

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.

Per Rule 705.b, and in line with guidance laid out in the SBAP, QB Energy has general liability insurance in the amount of \$1M, and QB Energy has umbrella insurance, which sits over the general liability insurance in the amount of \$75M. The umbrella and general liability insurance covers property damage, bodily injury to third parties, and sudden or accidental pollution under a combined \$76M.

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

WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

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

Describe beneficial use, if any, of E&P Waste derived from this remediation project:

NA

Volume of E&P Waste (solid) in cubic yards _____ 101

E&P waste (solid) description _____ Impacted soil

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: _____

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility: _____ Greenleaf Environmental Services, LLC

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels _____ 0

E&P waste (liquid) description _____

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable: _____

Non-ECMC 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.

QB Energy will reclaim all impacted areas to the previously existing conditions and will include these areas in QB Energy's Pipeline Reclamation and Monitoring program. All reclamation will be completed in accordance with 1000 Series Regulations

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. 08/21/2024

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. 08/21/2024

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 08/28/2024

Proposed site investigation commencement. 08/28/2024

Proposed completion of site investigation. _____

REMEDIAL ACTION DATES

Proposed start date of Remediation. 08/28/2024

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 has been submitted to open a Remediation Project Number for Spill/Release Point 487672, to report results of initial release characterization sampling, and to request a semi-annual reporting schedule.

Although levels of arsenic elevated above the allowable limit are present within the investigation area, background data collected from the Location in support of Spill/Release Point ID 479586 indicate an elevated native arsenic level of 20.78 mg/kg. QB Energy requests consideration of Table 915-1 Footnote 1 to establish an alternative allowable limit for arsenic of 20.78 mg/kg. See the attached ROWC for additional details.

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

Signed: Derek Horn

Title: EHS Specialist

Submit Date: 11/05/2024

Email: dhorn@qb-energy.com

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan complies with ECMC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

ECMC Approved: Steven Arauza

Date: 12/04/2024

Remediation Project Number: 38087

COA Type

Description

	Submit Supplemental eForm 19 to request closure of Spill/Release ID #487672. Supplemental report shall comply with outstanding COAs, indicate that work is proceeding under an approved eForm 27 and shall reference the Remediation Project number assigned upon approval of this report.
	Comply with COGCC Rule 1105 flowline abandonment requirements, including notification and verification requirements.
	Operator shall collect soil samples from areas most likely to be impacted and shall collect an appropriate number of representative soil samples to delineate the horizontal and vertical extents of contamination, per Rule 915.e.(2).B.
	Per Rule 913.b.(2), the Operator will conduct sampling and analysis of soil, and groundwater--if encountered, to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of any contamination in excess of the cleanup concentrations in Table 915-1 for soil and groundwater. The Operator shall analyze samples for the approved analyte list and shall compare analytical results for site investigation samples to the Table 915-1 Residential Soil Screening Level Concentrations.
	The Operator's request for a semi-annual reporting schedule is not approved at this time. Provide a justification for the alternative reporting schedule on the next Form 27.
	Based on the information provided, the Operator's request for a reduced analyte suite of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), benzene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, naphthalene, sodium adsorption ratio (SAR), and boron is approved under the following condition: In addition to the requested analytes, the Operator will continue to analyze soil samples for EC.
6 COAs	

ATTACHMENT 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

403929237	FORM 27-INITIAL-SUBMITTED
403929331	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403929334	ANALYTICAL RESULTS
403982978	SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

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