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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 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

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PROJECT, PURPOSE & SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Remediation Project #: 26837 Initial Form 27 Document #: 403236169

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: WELL	Facility ID: _____	API #: 123-26818	County Name: WELD
Facility Name: WELLS RANCH AA 21-02		Latitude: 40.477674	Longitude: -104.439623
		** correct Lat/Long if needed: Latitude: _____	Longitude: _____
QtrQtr: NWNE	Sec: 21	Twp: 6N	Range: 63W Meridian: 6 Sensitive Area? No

SITE CONDITIONS

General soil type - USCS Classifications SW Most Sensitive Adjacent Land Use Cropland

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

Within Pronghorn Winter Concentration Area
No other potential receptors are located within 1/4 mile of 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
No	GROUNDWATER	NA	Lab analysis if encountered
No	SOILS	NA	Lab 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 will be conducted pertaining to the WELLS RANCH AA21-02 wellhead cut and cap and flowline removal. Approximately 1371' of flowline will be removed. The COGCC will be updated in a supplemental Form 27 if a portion of the flowline is abandoned-in-place due to field constraints. The wellhead will be cut and capped per COGCC rules. Additionally, soil samples will be collected at any points of material change and/or hammer unions, directional changes, as well as at the bell holes on either side of a waterway, AS APPLICABLE to abandonment type. The Flowline Pre-Abandonment Notice Document number is 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):

A grab soil sample will be 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, soil samples will be collected at any points of material change and/or hammer unions, directional changes, as well as at the bell holes on either side of a waterway, AS APPLICABLE to abandonment type. A grab confirmation soil sample will be collected at the wellhead excavation. Soil samples will be 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 will be 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 will occur during abandonment activities. Field personnel will field screen all disturbed areas using visual and olfactory senses to determine if laboratory confirmation sampling is required. The COGCC Flowline Closure and Wellhead Closure Checklists will be utilized and filled out during the abandonment process. A photolog will be submitted on the Subsequent Form 27.

SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

SAMPLE SUMMARY

Soil

Number of soil samples collected 4

Number of soil samples exceeding 915-1 3

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

Approximate areal extent (square feet) 0

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

ND Highest concentration of TPH (mg/kg)

-- Highest concentration of SAR 1.66

BTEX > 915-1 No

Vertical Extent > 915-1 (in feet) 4

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?

Two background samples were collected from an area not impacted by oil and gas development at similar depths and lithologies as confirmation samples collected at the location and analyzed for ECOM Table 915-1 metals and soil suitability for reclamation standards (pH, EC, SAR, and Boron). Background concentrations of arsenic and pH exceed the Table 915-1 standards.

Arsenic Total: Average*1.25 = 1.235, Max = 1.33
pH Total: Average = 8.305, Max = 8.39

☐ 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?

Five background samples will be collected from an area not impacted by oil and gas development at similar depths and lithologies as confirmation samples collected at the location and analyzed for ECOM Table 915-1 metals and soil suitability for reclamation standards (pH, EC, SAR, and Boron). The samples will be used to characterize native soil and potentially attribute elevated metals and inorganics concentrations to native soil conditions.

Elevated pH and arsenic were observed in multiple locations along the former Wells Ranch AA21-02 flowline. Soil will be resampled and analyzed for Table 915-1 metals at the FLR01 4' sample location and Table 915-1 SSR constituents at the SEP01-FL 4' sample location at the same depth where the initial elevated concentrations were observed in the confirmation samples. Noble will request an NFA be granted if the reanalyzed samples are within the Table 915-1 concentration range.

Alternatively, if the sample's result is outside the Table 915-1 pH concentration range and cannot be attributed to native soil conditions via additional background soil characterization a minimum of five additional samples will be collected to delineate the magnitude and extent of elevated SSR constituents. Following completion of the delineation, Noble will submit a detailed reclamation plan that includes, but is not limited to, soil analysis from adjacent undisturbed lands, revegetation techniques, site stabilization, and details of seeded species. Remedial alternatives will be evaluated if metals concentrations in the recollected samples do not comply with the Table 915-1 standards and cannot be attributed to native soil conditions via additional background soil characterization.

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.

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.

NA

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 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 Supplemental Form 27: Proposed Table 915-1 SSR and Metals Resampling and BKG Sampling

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 ECMC rules. Records are available on the ECMC'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: \$ 10000

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

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-ECMC Disposal Facility:

Volume of E&P Waste (liquid) in barrels

E&P waste (liquid) description

ECMC Disposal Facility ID #, if applicable:

Non-ECMC 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? No

Does the previous reply indicate consideration of background concentrations?

Does Groundwater meet Table 915-1 standards? Yes

Is additional groundwater monitoring to be conducted? _____

Operator shall comply with the ECMC 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 ECMC 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. 10/31/2025

Proposed date of completion of Reclamation. 10/31/2027

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. 11/15/2022

Actual Spill or Release date, or date of discovery. _____

SITE INVESTIGATION DATES

Date of Initial Actions described in Site Investigation Plan (start date). 03/01/2023

Proposed site investigation commencement. 11/15/2022

Proposed completion of site investigation. 01/31/2025

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 serves to comply with the Rule 913.e. reporting schedule. The Operator will complete the additional site investigation as outlined in this proposed Site Investigation Report workplan prior to the Proposed completion of site investigation date detailed in the Implementation schedule. Work is tentatively scheduled for 1/13/2025. The Operator has requested secured lab reports for all data pertaining the the decommissioning activities conducted at this site and will conduct a thorough review of all laboratory analytical reports and data submit all data on a supplemental F27. The Operator will contact the ECMC Regional Environmental Protection Specialist (EPS) assigned to the project if data discrepancies are observed. Supplemental Form 27s will be prepared and submitted on a quarterly schedule to provide updates and progress of the remediation until closure criteria has been achieved.

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

Signed: Ethan Black

Title: Consultant

Submit Date: 12/15/2024

Email: ethanb@fremontenv.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: Abdul Elhajdi

Date: 02/03/2025

Remediation Project Number: 26837

COA Type

Description

	Operator will continue quarterly reporting until the site investigation is complete and Table 915-1 standards are met within the remediation area.
1 COA	

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

404027796	FORM 27-SUPPLEMENTAL-SUBMITTED
404028120	OTHER
404028132	ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Total Attach: 3 Files

General Comments

User Group

Comment

Comment Date

Environmental	ECMC note: This form serves to comply with the Rule 913.e. reporting schedule.	01/29/2025
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