## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## OGC WELCOMES NEW CHIEF FOR ENHANCED ENGINEERING BRANCH

**Fort St. John** – The British Columbia Oil and Gas Commission is pleased to announce Mr. Greg Lever has accepted the position of Chief Engineer responsible for leading an integrated Engineering Branch.

Mr. Lever brings over 35 years of regulatory and industry related experience to the OGC. Beginning his career as a mechanical engineer, Mr. Lever progressed through Shell Canada in several capacities including facilities and drilling engineering. Later, moving to Petro Canada, Mr. Lever held responsibilities in both Calgary, Alberta and St John's, Newfoundland in frontier development and regulatory processes. Most recently Mr. Lever led the Operations Business Unit at the National Energy Board.

The British Columbia Oil and Gas Commission has restructured its Technical Engineering and Resource Conservation Units into one consolidated Engineering Branch. Building on efficiencies applied through the merger of the Project Assessment and Compliance & Assurance Branches last October, the consolidated Engineering Branch further strengthens existing technical expertise within the OGC, providing enhanced public and environmental safety.

Mr. Lever reports to the Deputy Commissioner and will lead the integrated branch within the Operations Division of the OGC. The new engineering branch will be made up of four units supporting the technical aspects of pipeline and facility engineering, drilling and production engineering, resource conservation, and waste management and reclamation.

Mr. Lever has chaired many regulatory and technical committees and has been recognized for merit and excellence with many awards.

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