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Dear Mr. Millions,

**RE: PRODUCED WATER DISPOSAL SPECIAL PROJECT APPROVAL  
OVV CRP HZ SUNRISE 14-35-78-17; WA# 10677  
SUNRISE FIELD – PADDY-CADOTTE FORMATION**

The Commission has reviewed the application from Ovintiv Canada ULC (Ovintiv), dated October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, requesting an increase in the maximum reservoir storage pressure in the Paddy-Cadotte formation for four disposal wells in the Sunrise field, including the subject well, and modification to the reservoir pressure testing requirement for individual wells with consideration to measurements from eight proximal water source wells completed in the same formation. Ovintiv's formal application followed a presentation to Commission staff at our offices on September 12, 2019. The application is in response to Commission correspondence to Ovintiv dated July 4, 2019, which previously noted reservoir pressures approaching limit values in the associated Section 75 Special Project approval Orders.

The subject well was originally drilled and completed into the Bluesky formation in 1998 and later completed into the Cadomin in 1999, and the Montney in 2000, but none of these formations were used. In 2011, the Paddy-Cadotte formation was completed and approval was granted to use the formation for disposal of produced water. The well began disposal in June of 2015 and has continued to date

Attached please find **Order 14-02-005 Amendment #1**, designating an area in the Sunrise field, Paddy-Cadotte formation, as a Special Project under section 75 of the Oil and Gas Activities Act, for the operation and use of a storage reservoir for the disposal of produced water. Order condition 2h) i) requires bi-annual reservoir pressure tests on the subject well. This testing frequency is contingent upon adherence to condition 2h) ii), the collection and reporting of monthly reservoir pressure from Ovintiv's eight proximal Paddy-Cadotte water source wells. Order condition 2i) raises the maximum allowed formation pressure to a value equal to a hydrostatic column of water to surface elevation. All other conditions remain unchanged.

In certain circumstances, disposal well operation may induce seismicity of values that require modification of operations to mitigate.

Disposal of fluid with high total dissolved solids content requires adjustment of the wellhead injection pressure to remain below formation fracture pressure

Should you have any questions, please contact Logan Gray at (250) 419-4465 or Ron Stefik at (250) 419-4430.

Sincerely,



Ron Stefik, Eng. L.  
Supervisor, Reservoir Engineering  
Oil and Gas Commission

Attachment

## ORDER 14-02-005 Amendment #1

- 1 Under Section 75(1)(d) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, the Commission designates the operation and use of a storage reservoir for the disposal of produced water, including flowback from fracturing operations, into the Sunrise field – Paddy-Cadotte formation as a special project in the following area:

DLS      Twp 78 Rge 17 W6M Section 35 – Lsds 11, 12, 13, and 14

- 2 Under section 75(2) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, the special project designation in this Order is subject to the following conditions. The Permit Holder shall:

- a) Inject water into the well OVV CRP HZ Sunrise 14-35-78-17; WA# 10677 – Paddy-Cadotte formation from 1411.0 – 1415.0 mKB MD.
- b) Not exceed an injection pressure, measured at the wellhead on the subject well, of 14,400 kPag or the pressure required to fracture the formation, whichever is lesser.
- c) Inject only through tubing with a packer set as near as is practical above the injection interval.
- d) Continually measure and record the wellhead casing and tubing pressures electronically.
- e) Include the disposal operating hours and the maximum injection pressure value on the monthly Petrinex disposal statement.
- f) Cease injection and notify the Commission immediately if there are any indications that hydraulic isolation is lost in the wellbore or formation.
- g) Conduct and submit an annual surface casing vent flow test report to the Commission within 30 days of the completion of the test.
- h) i) Conduct a reservoir pressure test on the formation in the subject well at least once every two calendar years, with a shut-in period of sufficient length to provide data for calculation of the reservoir pressure, and submit a report of the test within 60 days of the end of the test.  
ii) Once a month, report to the Commission the reservoir pressure obtained from the bottom hole recorders in each of the following water source wells:

OVV CRP Sunrise 14-13-78-16	WA 22874
OVV CRP HZ Sunrise A13-33-78-17	WA 26471
OVV CRP HZ Sunrise 9-34-78-17	WA 28495
OVV CRP HZ Sunrise A9-34-78-17	WA 28496
OVV CRP HZ Sunrise A5-29-78-16	WA 29717
OVV CRP HZ Sunrise A4-28-78-17	WA 29726
OVV CRP HZ Sunrise B1-27-78-17	WA 29740
OVV CRP HZ Sunrise 8-31-78-16	WA 30814

- i) Cease injection upon reaching a maximum formation pressure of 8,475 kPaa, measured at 1413.0 mKB TVD.
- j) i) Perform a casing inspection log on the subject well and submit results to the Commission within 30 days of the completion of logging, at an interval of not more than every 10 years, commencing from the date of initial disposal.  
ii) Perform a hydraulic isolation temperature log on the subject well and submit results to the Commission within 30 days of the completion of logging, at an interval of not more than every 5 years, commencing from the date of initial disposal.

- k) Not conduct a hydraulic fracture stimulation on any formation in the subject well without prior Commission approval.



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DATED AT the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Advisory Guidance for Order 14-02-005 Amendment #1

- I. A production packer must be set above the injection interval and the space between the tubing and casing filled with corrosion and frost inhibiting fluids, as per section 16(2) of the Drilling and Production Regulation.
- II. Annual packer isolation tests are required to be conducted and the associated report must be submitted to the Commission within 30 days of test completion, as per section 16(3) of the Drilling and Production Regulation.
- III. Injected fluids must be metered and the injection pressure measured at the wellhead, as per section 74 of the Drilling and Production Regulation.
- IV. A monthly disposal statement must be submitted to the Commission via Petrinex not later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the reported month, as per section 75 of the Drilling and Production Regulation.
- V. Seismic events must be reported and disposal operations suspended as per section 21.1 of the Drilling and Production Regulation.