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Dear Mr. Brausse,

**RE: PRODUCED WATER DISPOSAL SPECIAL PROJECT APPROVAL  
AMENDMENT #3  
OVV HZ TOWER A16-6-81-17; WA# 32483  
TOWER LAKE FIELD – CADOMIN-NIKANASSIN FORMATION**

Approval for disposal of produced water was issued for the subject well, Cadomin-Nikanassin formation, on December 13, 2017. Disposal operations at this site have consistently been within the Order limits, with a total disposal volume, as of September 30, 2022 of 506,025 m<sup>3</sup>.

Low level seismic events near the subject well may be due to disposal activities. Seismic events can occur as a result of disposal operations if fault orientation and rock stresses are favorable for movement. In an effort to minimize events, a lower reservoir pressure limit is being imposed. Reservoir pressure testing is required once per calendar year. As this pressure value is determinative of the ability to continue disposal operation, and remaining capacity, a sufficient shut-in time and data to either achieve or calculate a static reservoir pressure is required.

Attached please find **Order 17-02-017 Amendment #3** designating an area in the Tower Lake field, Cadomin-Nikanassin 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.

No other conditions of the Order have been modified. Water source wells completed in this formation, used to supply hydraulic fracture operations, are valuable in the management of the reservoir pressure. Continued measurement and reporting of the monthly maximum pressure at each source well enables monitoring the reservoir pressure, together with the periodic testing of the disposal well, to remain below the average formation pressure limit.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Gaucher at (250) 419-4482 or the undersigned at (250) 419-4430.

Sincerely,



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Supervisor, Reservoir Engineering  
Oil and Gas Commission

Attachment

### **ORDER 17-02-017 Amendment #3**

- 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 Tower Lake field – Cadomin-Nikanassin formation as a special project in the following area:
  - DLS Twp 81 Rge 17 W6M Section 5 – Lsds 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 14
  - DLS Twp 81 Rge 17 W6M Section 6 – Lsds 9, 10, 15 and 16
  
- 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 produced water only into the well OVV HZ Tower A16-6-81-17; WA# 32483 Cadomin-Nikanassin formation from 1548.0 – 2548.0 mKB MD.
  - b) Not exceed an injection pressure, measured at the wellhead on the subject well, of 17,870 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) Maintain a fully activated seismic monitoring program, to observe and record seismic events within a 5 km radius of the well OVV HZ Tower A16-6-81-17; WA# 32483, that:
    - i) is capable of real-time monitoring;
    - ii) has a magnitude detection of 1.5Mw and greater;
    - iii) has hypocenter accuracy to within  $\pm 500$  meters;
  - f) Maintain a fully activated accelerometer, within 2.5 km of the wellsite able to record three components of ground acceleration with a minimum detectability of 0.8%g and a dynamic range of +/- 2g. For each event of 0.008g and above or felt event, the SEED file containing instrument response and waveform from 30 seconds before the observed event and 60 seconds after, must be submitted.
  - g) Report the results of seismicity monitoring in items e) and f), including date, time, location, magnitude, ground acceleration and depth of seismic events, to the Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) via email to [Reservoir@bcgoc.ca](mailto:Reservoir@bcgoc.ca) at 1-month intervals, or upon request.
  - h) Conduct an annual reservoir pressure test on the formation in the subject well, 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.
  - i) Cease injection upon reaching an average formation pressure of 12,500 kPa measured at 480.3mSS
  - j) Cease injection and notify the Commission immediately at [Reservoir@bcgoc.ca](mailto:Reservoir@bcgoc.ca) if there are any indications that hydraulic isolation is lost in the wellbore or formation.
  - k) Conduct and submit an annual Surface Casing Vent Flow test to the Commission within 30 days of the completion of the test.
  - l) Include the disposal operating hours and the maximum injection pressure value on the monthly Petrinex disposal report.

- m) 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.
- n) 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.
- o) 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

**Advisory Guidance for Order 17-02-017 Amendment #3**

- 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.