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Mr. Jeff Bergeson
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Copies of Approval Letter to Industry (11)
RE: GEP, Salt Water Disposals, etc.

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Dear Mr. Bergeson:

RE: GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE RESCINDED
RIGEL HALFWAY "T" OIL POOL

The Ministry issued a letter dated March 2, 1998, addressing concerns regarding continued GEP approval status for the well CNRL Rigel b-33-A/94-A-15 (WA# 8480).

Branch staff have been informed that at present Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL) is not prepared to consent to extending a similar approval to the second well in the pool, Newport Calahoo Rigel a-34-A/94-A-15.

Therefore, in order to maintain equity, the Approval #95-06-006, dated May 30th, 1995, is rescinded effective April 1, 1998. The well b-33-A reverts to its individual well daily oil allowable of 10.0 m³.

Condition #3 of the Approval, the royalty exempt volume limit, remains in effect.

The Ministry encourages the operators to examine possibilities for enhanced recovery to ensure that ultimate recovery from the pool is maximized.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ron Stefik at (250) 952-0310.

Sincerely,

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