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Dear Mr. Grywacheski,

**RE: PRODUCED WATER DISPOSAL SPECIAL PROJECT APPROVAL  
SHELL ET AL SUNSET 8-6-80-18; WA# 8355  
SUNSET PRAIRIE FIELD – CECIL 'A' POOL**

The Commission has received Shell's application, dated May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, for produced water disposal into the subject well, Cecil 'A' pool.

The subject well produced oil from the Cecil between Jan 1994 and July 2010. Pool production has been shut-in since 2012 as uneconomic, following the recovery of approximately 37% of the initial oil in place. The pool is currently at around 50% of initial pressure, with remaining void space for disposal. The intention is to use this pool for the disposal of hydraulic fracture treatment flowback fluid.

Attached please find **Order 17-02-009**, designating an area in the Sunset Prairie field – Cecil 'A' pool 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. This Order contains a number of detailed operational conditions, including a maximum wellhead injection pressure, requirement for continuous tubing and casing pressure monitoring, and an ultimate reservoir pressure limit. This is the second disposal well approved for this pool, the other being Shell et al Sunset 14-8-80-18 (WA 7640), approved on May 2, 2017. A non-serious SCVF has been identified on the subject well, so annual SCVF testing is required to monitor. Prior to disposal start, Shell must install tubing with packer set above the Cecil perms, fill the annulus with corrosion-inhibiting fluid, and pressure test the annulus to 7 MPa. Additional general information regarding disposal wells is available on the Commission's website at <http://www.bcogc.ca/industry-zone/documentation/Subsurface-Disposal>.

For the inspection requirement of Order condition 2I), please arrange via email to [OGCPipelines.Facilities@bcogc.ca](mailto:OGCPipelines.Facilities@bcogc.ca).

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 Michelle Harding at (250) 419-4493 or the undersigned at (250) 419-4430.

Sincerely,



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

Attachment

ORDER 17-02-009

- 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 Cecil 'A' pool – Sunset Prairie field as a special project in the following area:  
DLS Twp 80 Rge 18 W6M Section 6 - Lsds 1, 2, 7 and 8
- 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 Shell et al Sunset 8-6-80-18; WA# 8355 – Cecil 'A' pool (disposal perforations 1846.0 – 1848.6 mKB).
  - b) Not exceed an injection pressure, measured at the wellhead on the subject well, of 25,620 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) Cease injection and notify the Commission immediately if hydraulic isolation is lost in the wellbore or formation.
  - f) Submit the annual packer isolation test report to the Commission within 30 days of the completion of the test.
  - g) Conduct and submit an annual Surface Casing Vent Flow test to the Commission within 30 days of the completion of the test.
  - h) Include the disposal operating hours and the maximum injection pressure value on the monthly BC-S18 disposal statement.
  - i) 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.
  - j) Cease injection upon reaching a maximum formation pressure of 26,770 kPaa, measured at 1847.3 mKB.
  - k)
    - 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.
  - l) Not conduct a hydraulic fracture stimulation on any formation in the subject well without prior Commission approval.
  - m) Complete an inspection, satisfactory to the Commission, within 4 weeks of initial disposal operations.



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DATED AT the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

## Advisory Guidance for Order 17-02-009

- 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 submitted, 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 not later than the 25<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.