

2018 ABAER 014

Granite Oil Corp.

Applications to Drill Four Horizontal Wells

14 to 16 Kilometres Southwest of Warner

Applications 1893274, 1893275, and 1893277

Decision

[1] The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has accepted the applicant's request to withdraw applications 1893274, 1893275, and 1893277.

Applications

[2] Granite Oil Corp. (Granite) applied to the AER under section 2.02 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Rules* to drill four horizontal wells for crude oil production.

[3] The proposed wells would encounter a maximum hydrogen sulphide concentration of 40.0 moles per kilomole (4.0 per cent) during drilling operations. The emergency planning zone was 150 metres in radius around the proposed well sites.

[4] The proposed well sites were on Crown land, about 14 and 16 kilometres southwest of Warner, Alberta.

[5] Statements of concern on the applications were filed by R. and A. Taylor, the Alberta Wilderness Association, and the Southern Alberta Group for the Environment.

[6] A notice of hearing was issued on October 15, 2018, and requests to participate were received from Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, the Alberta Wilderness Association, and the Southern Alberta Group for the Environment.

[7] The AER granted participation rights in the hearing to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and the Southern Alberta Group for the Environment on November 15, 2018, and November 19, 2018, respectively.

Discussion

[8] On December 13, 2018, Granite notified the AER that it was withdrawing applications 1893274, 1893275, and 1893277. The AER accepted the withdrawal of the applications in accordance with section 4(2) of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice*.

[9] Accordingly, a public hearing will not be held.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on December 17, 2018.

Alberta Energy Regulator

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Presiding Hearing Commissioner