

Air injection and displacement for recovery  
with oil horizontal (AIDROH) project  
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# AIDROH\* introduction and overview

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Subsurface issues related to resource evaluation and recovery

- Directive 054, Section 3.1.1

Surface operations, compliance, and issues not related to resource evaluation and recovery

- Directive 054, Section 3.1.2

## AER Directive 054 Section 3.1.1

Subsurface issues related to resource evaluation  
and recovery

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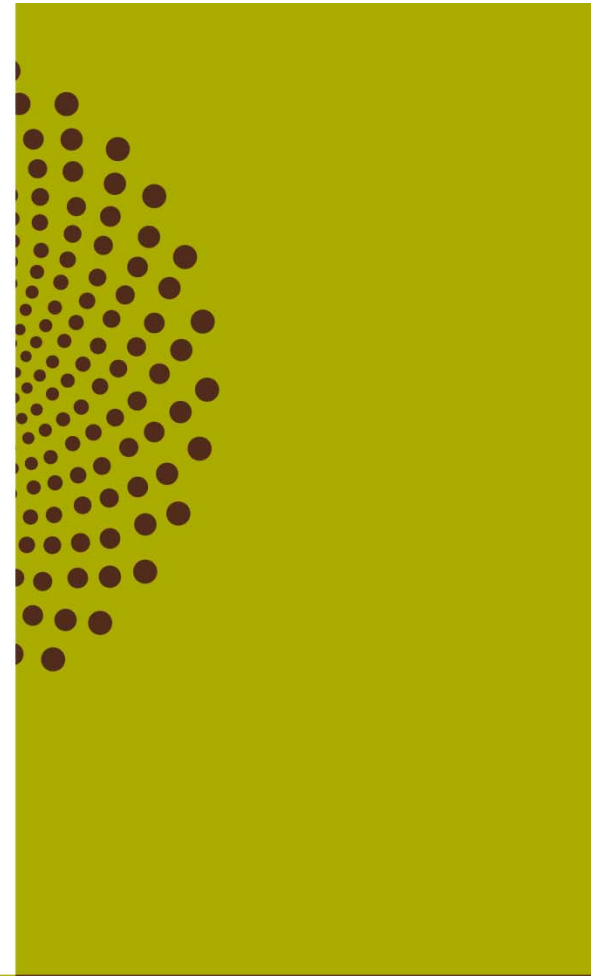
# Scheme background

## Subsurface section 1

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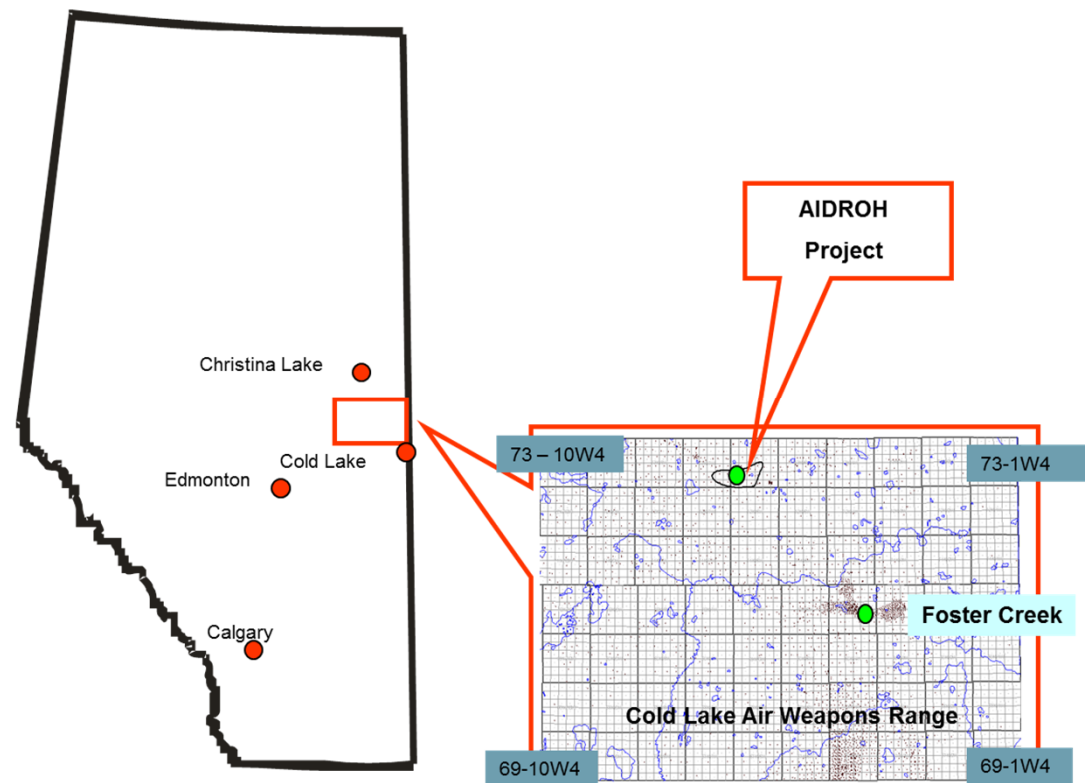
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# Background

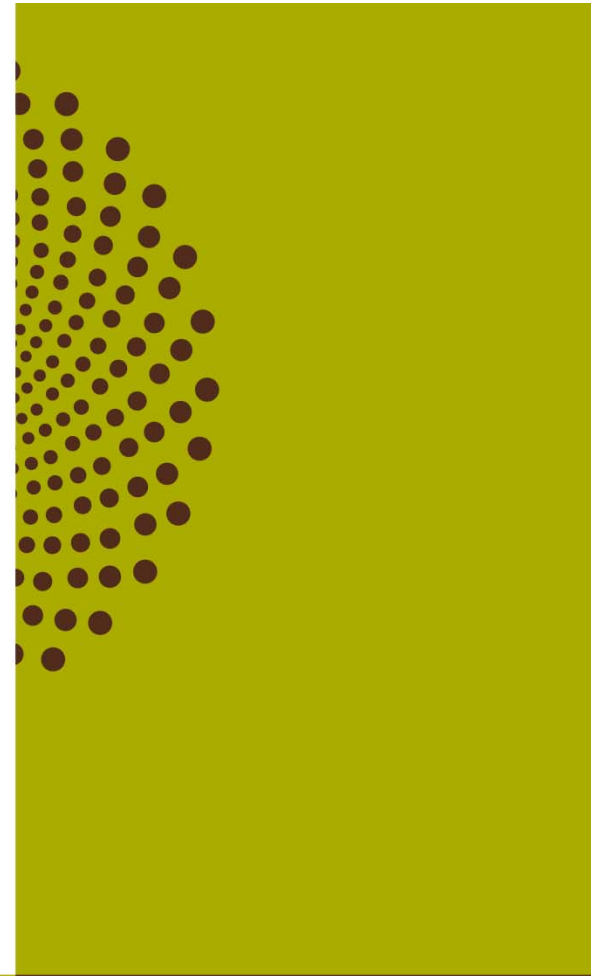
The AIDROH project uses gravity drainage as a bitumen recovery process to recover bitumen that has been passively heated by the Cenovus EnCAID combustion project



# Geological/geoscience

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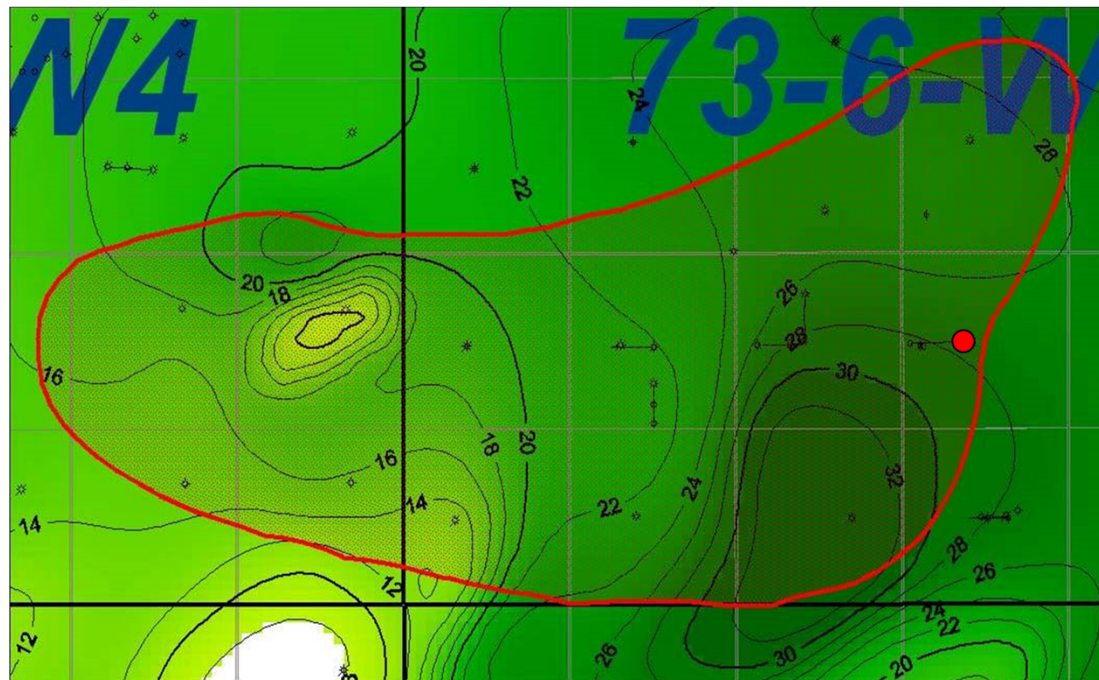
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# Summary of reservoir properties

Depth	465m TVD
Thickness	25-30m
Average porosity	35%
Average bitumen saturation	65%
Average permeability	1,350mD
OBIP (project area)	3,302 e <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>
Oil viscosity @ 13C @ 60C	~25,000 cP ~600 cP
API oil gravity	10.3 - 10.8

# Wabiskaw bitumen thickness

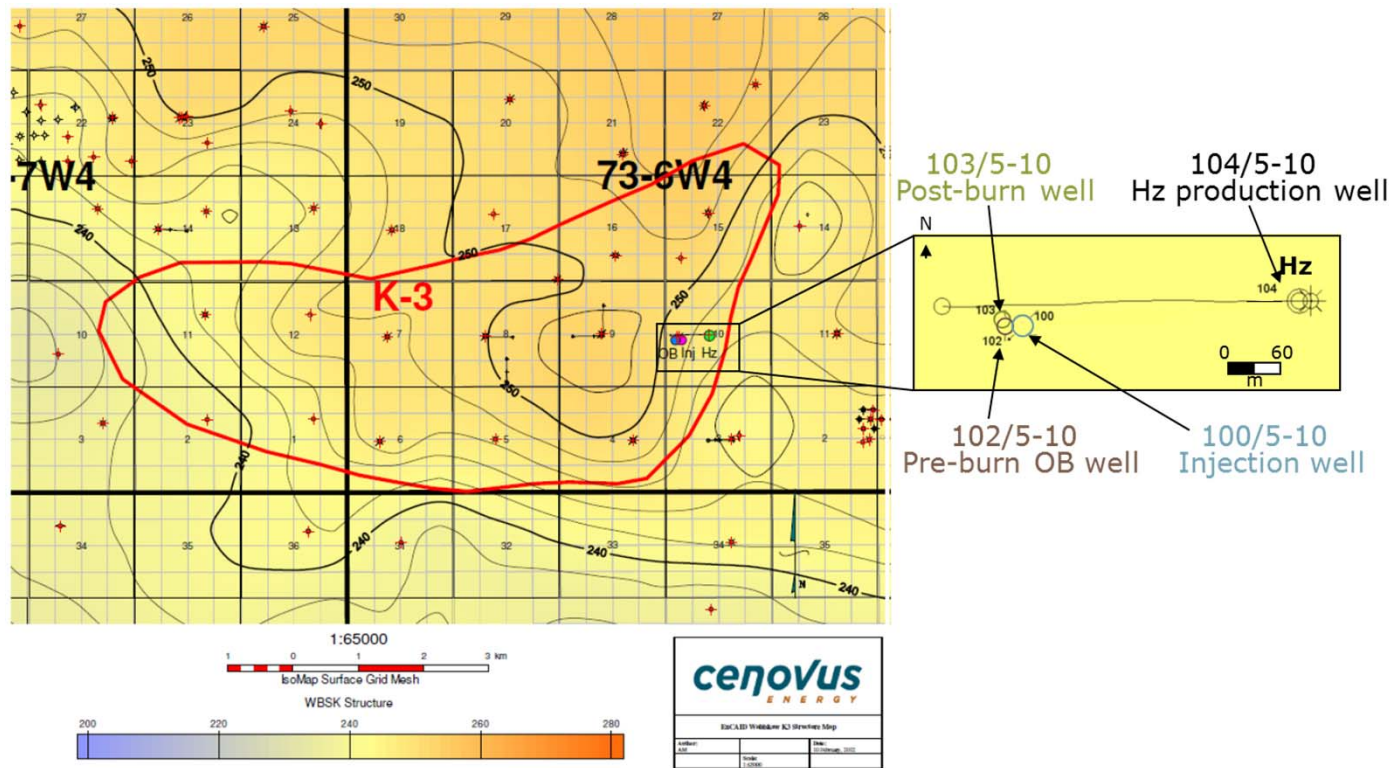


**Type log cut offs:-**  
-<75 api gamma ray  
->20 ohm resistivity  
->27% porosity

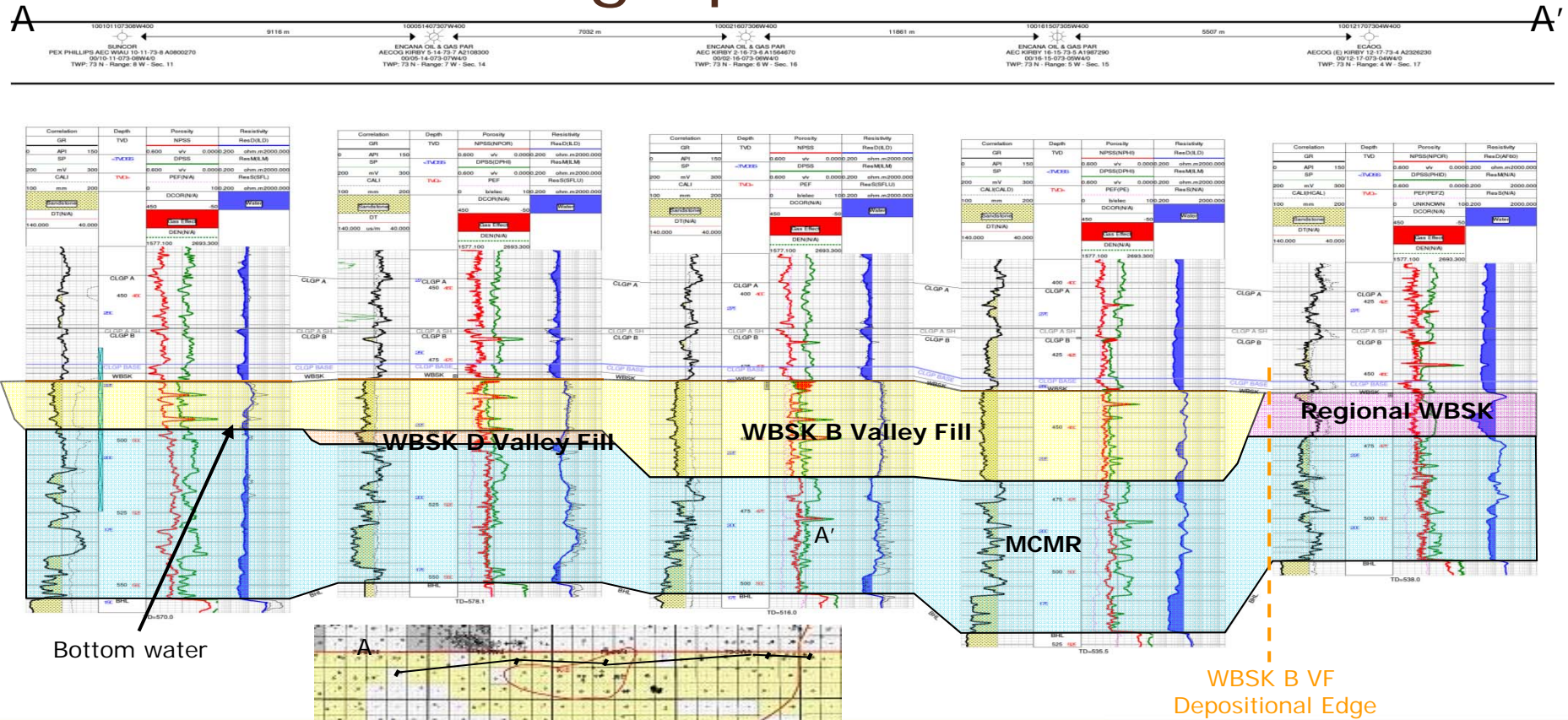
OBIP under gas cap = 159,000 e<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup>

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# Wabiskaw structural map



# Wabiskaw stratigraphic cross-section



# Horizontal production well 104/5-10

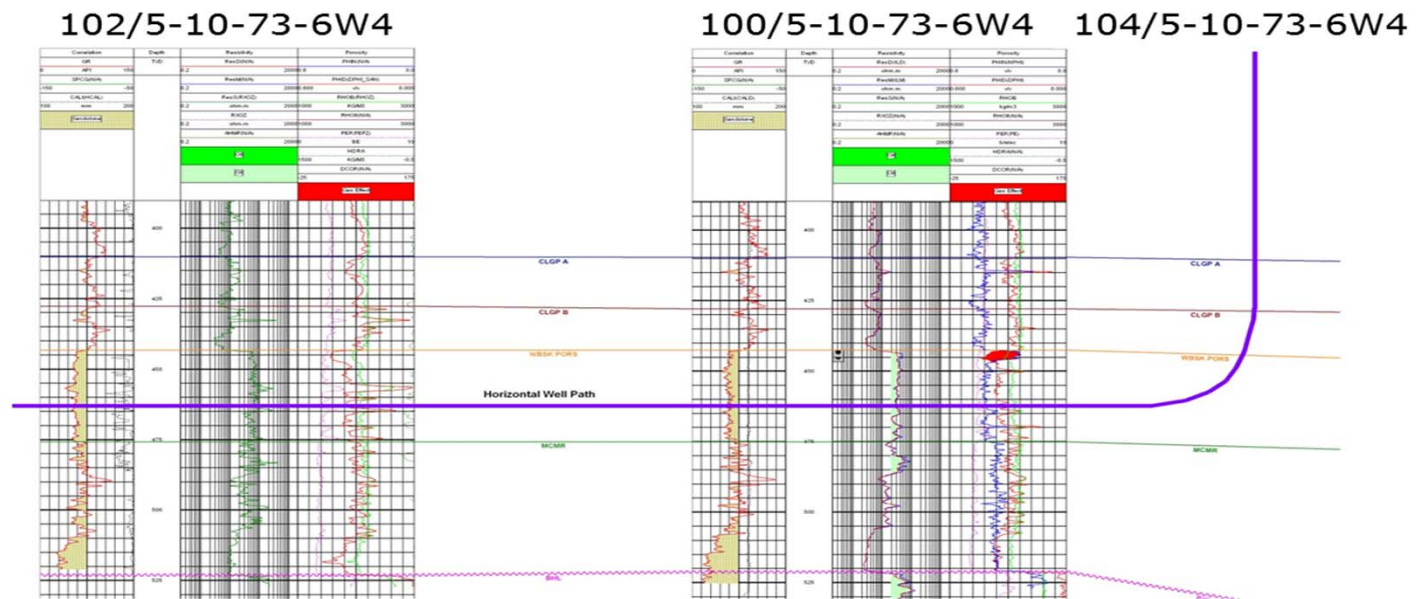


## Producer drilled 15m below G/B interface:

- avoid hitting concretion
- avoid missing heated zone

## Learnings:

- drill lower to optimize reserves recovery

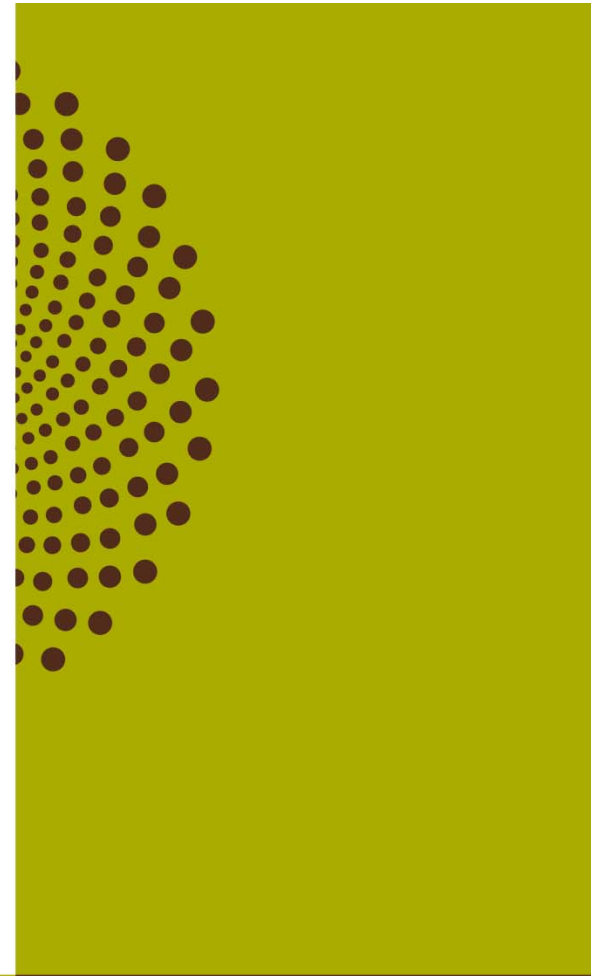


Drilled in 2011 east of injector well at surface location 6-10  
300m of horizontal leg landed 30m north of injector well and  
~15m into heated zone

# Drilling and completion

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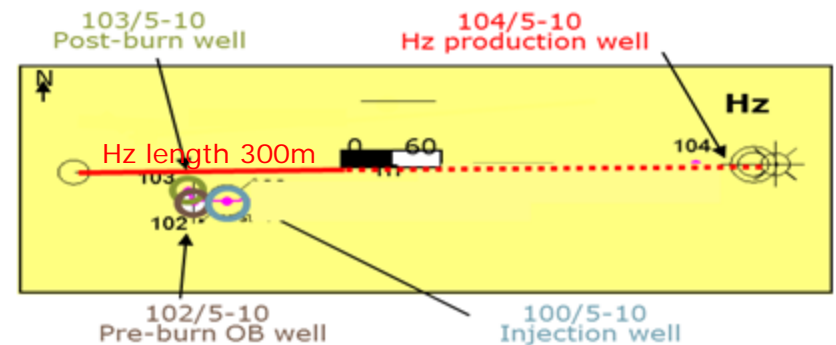
# Well layout

## Drilled 103/5-10-73-6W4 post burn vertical well September 2011

- Drilled 11m northwest of 102/5-10-73-6W4
- Successfully cored 44m from top Wabiskaw to top of McMurray – no lot core
  - extensive core ad oil analysis program completed
  - core routine core analysis, SEM, XRD
  - oil API, viscosity, composition

## Drilled 104/5-10-73-6W4 horizontal producer well September 2011

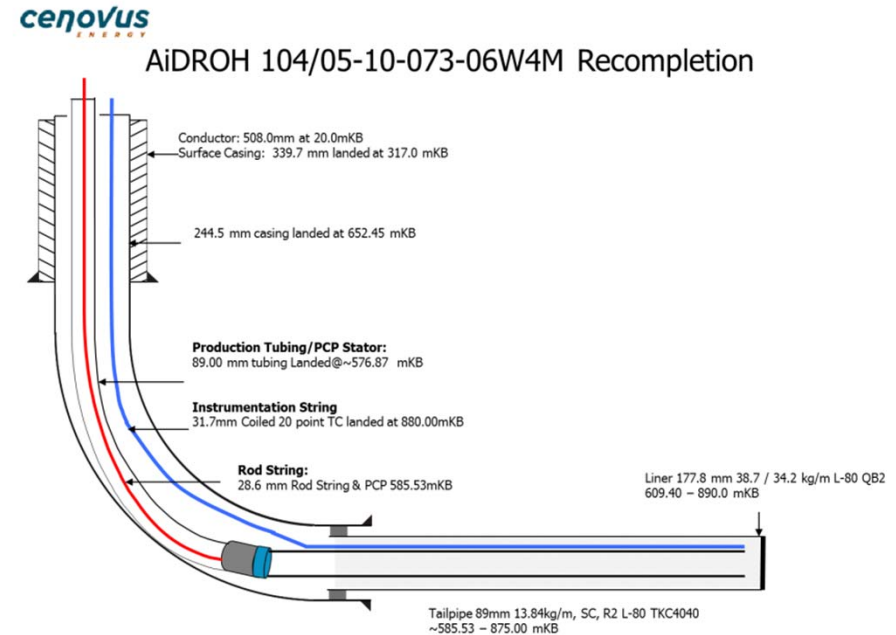
- Drilled 300m east-west horizontal section, landed 30m north of 100/5-10-73-6W4 injector well and 15m below Wabiskaw gas/bitumen interface
- Well equipped with 20 thermocouples in horizontal length



# Completion

## Installed tail pipe to toe

- divert hot crude to toe
- encourage warming near toe

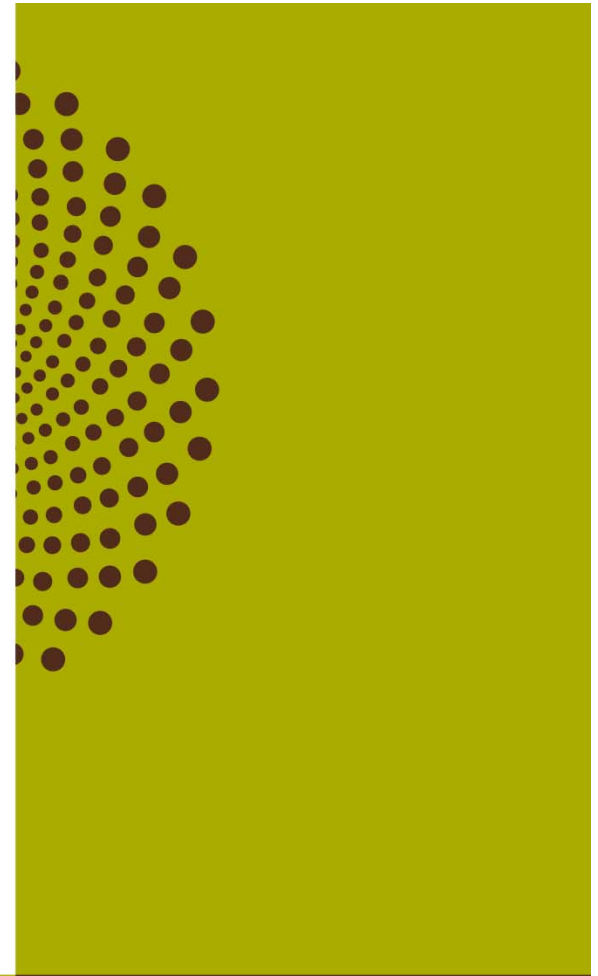


Requirements under subsection 3.1.1 3c – wellbore schematics are included in the appendix

# Artificial lift

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# Artificial lift

## Artificial lift technology information

- Progressive cavity pump (PCP), temperature tolerance of elastomer 150°C
- Lift capacity range: 34-50 m<sup>3</sup>/D
- Operating temperature range 44°C to 108°C

# Artificial lift performance

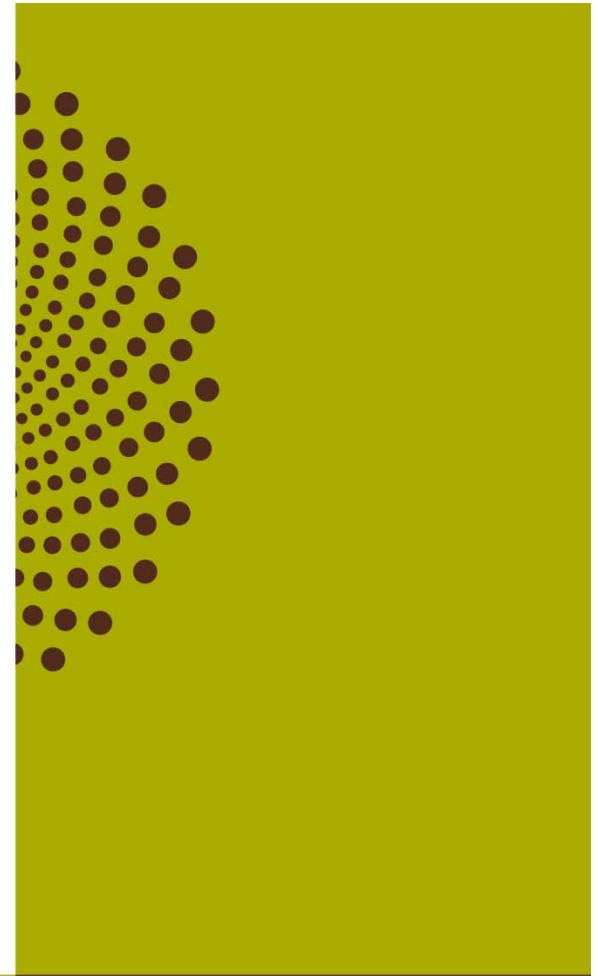
## No production activity during 2017 reporting period

- Well suspended on February 13, 2015

# Instrumentation

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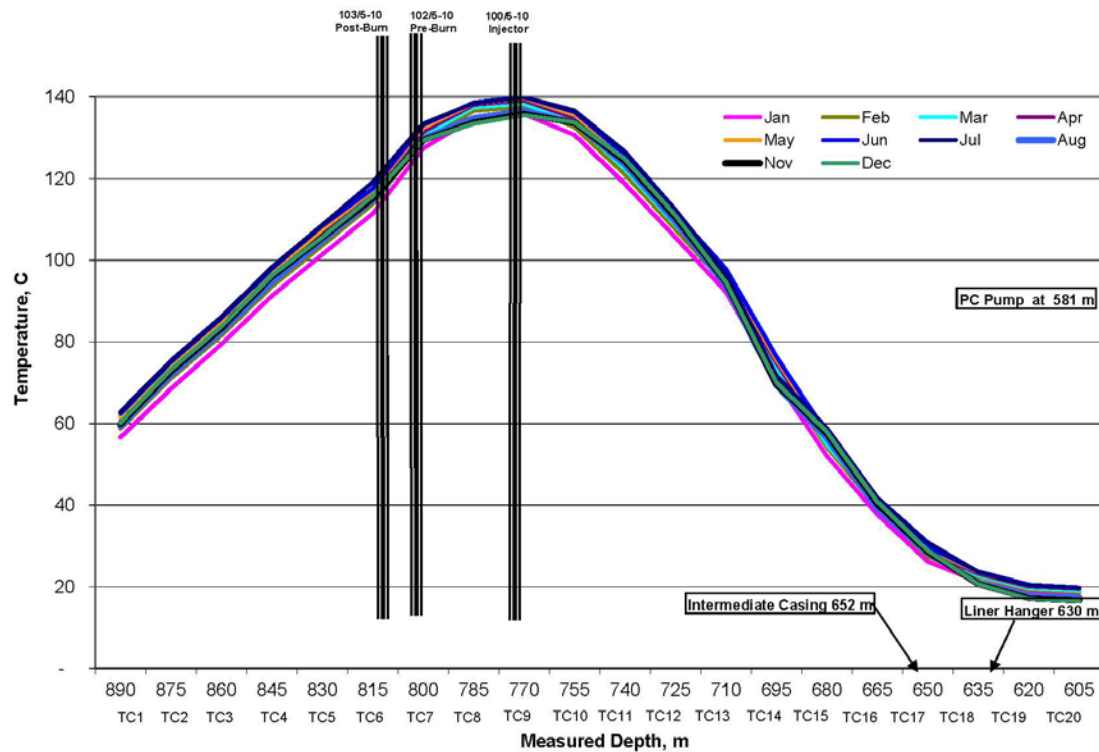
# Instrumentation in wells

104/05-10-73-6W4/00

- Equipped with 10 thermocouples

Requirements under subsection 3.1.1 5a – wellbore schematics 5c and 5d are included in the appendix

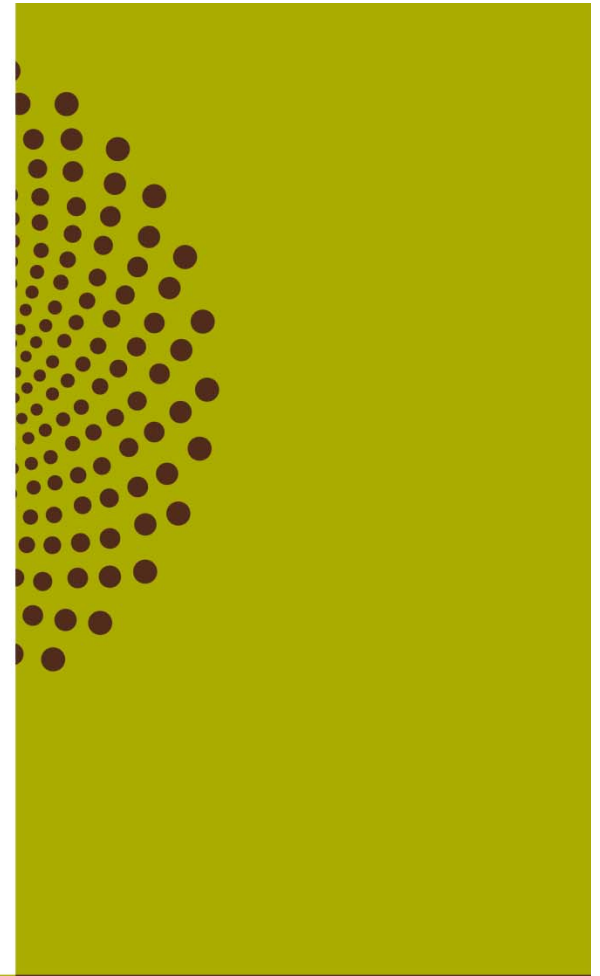
# Thermocouple temperature vs. depth



# Scheme performance

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# Production history

**No production activity during 2017 reporting period**

# Heated oil volume

Calculated using analytical geometry-based method

Combustion front heats bitumen by conduction in the shape of a sphere cap

- Thermally affected radius ~ 285m

**Chemically affected**

- 62,000m<sup>3</sup>

**Thermal affected\***

- 728,000m<sup>3</sup>

\* Based on horizontal well depth 15m below gas/bitumen interface

# Historical oil quality

**Original oil ~45,000 cP at reservoir conditions (dead)**

**No oil quality analysis undertaken during 2017 reporting period**

# Basic Sediment & Water

**No production activity during 2017 reporting period**

# Subsurface key learnings

**No production activity during 2017 reporting period**

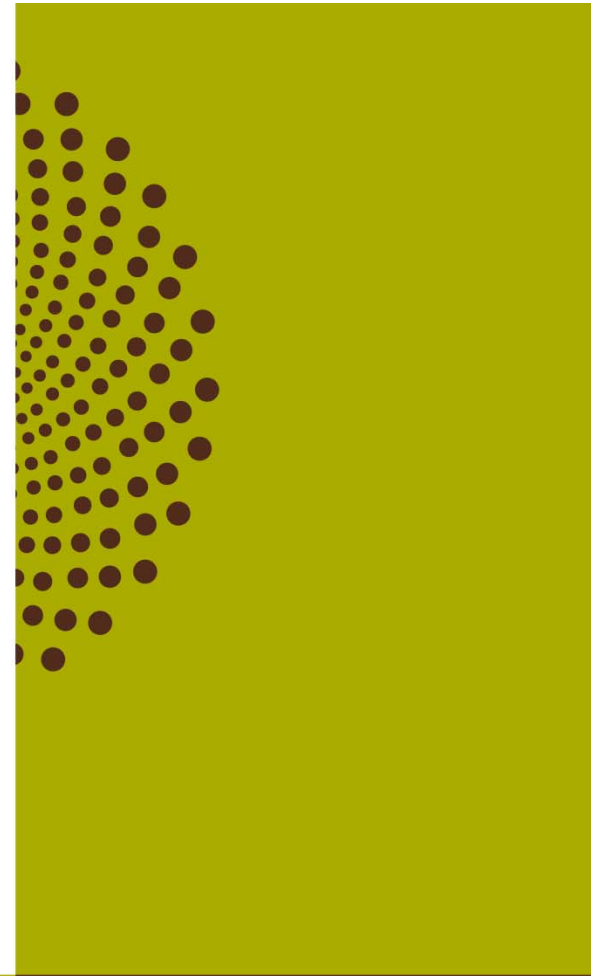
**EnCAID conductive heating effects observed following suspension of well operations from 2015**

- TC 1-5      ~12°C temperature increase
- TC 6-11     ~19°C temperature increase
- TC 12-15    ~8°C temperature increase

# Future plans

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# Future plans

## Continue the following:

- Monitor downhole temperatures
- Continued suspension of AIDROH well operations

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Surface operations, compliance and issues not  
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# Surface operations: table of contents

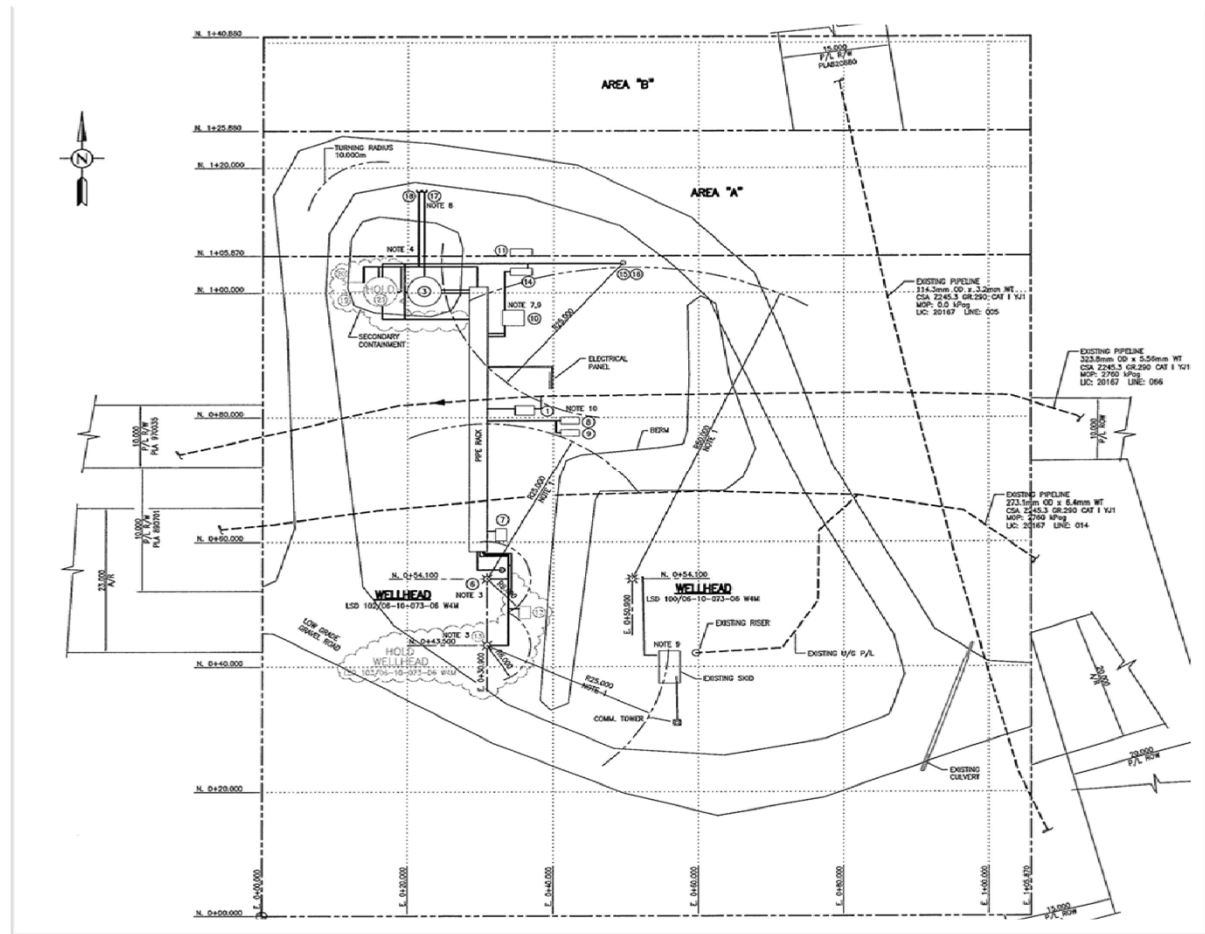
- Facility overview/modifications
- Measurement and reporting
- Water, water disposal well and landfill waste
- Sulphur production
- Environmental issues
- Compliance statement
- Non-compliance discussion
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# Facility overview/modifications

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# Site layout



**No changes to facility or process undertaken during 2017 reporting period**



# Facility performance 2017

## No production activity during 2017 reporting period

- Suspended facility February, 2015

# Gas usage

**No gas usage activity during 2017 reporting period**

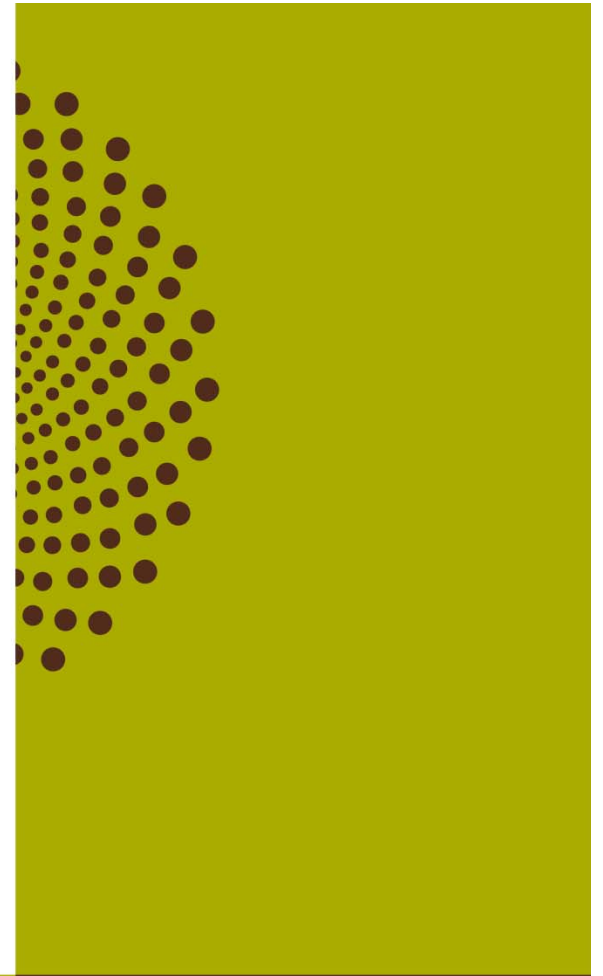
# Greenhouse gas emissions

**No production operations or gas usage activity during 2017 reporting period**

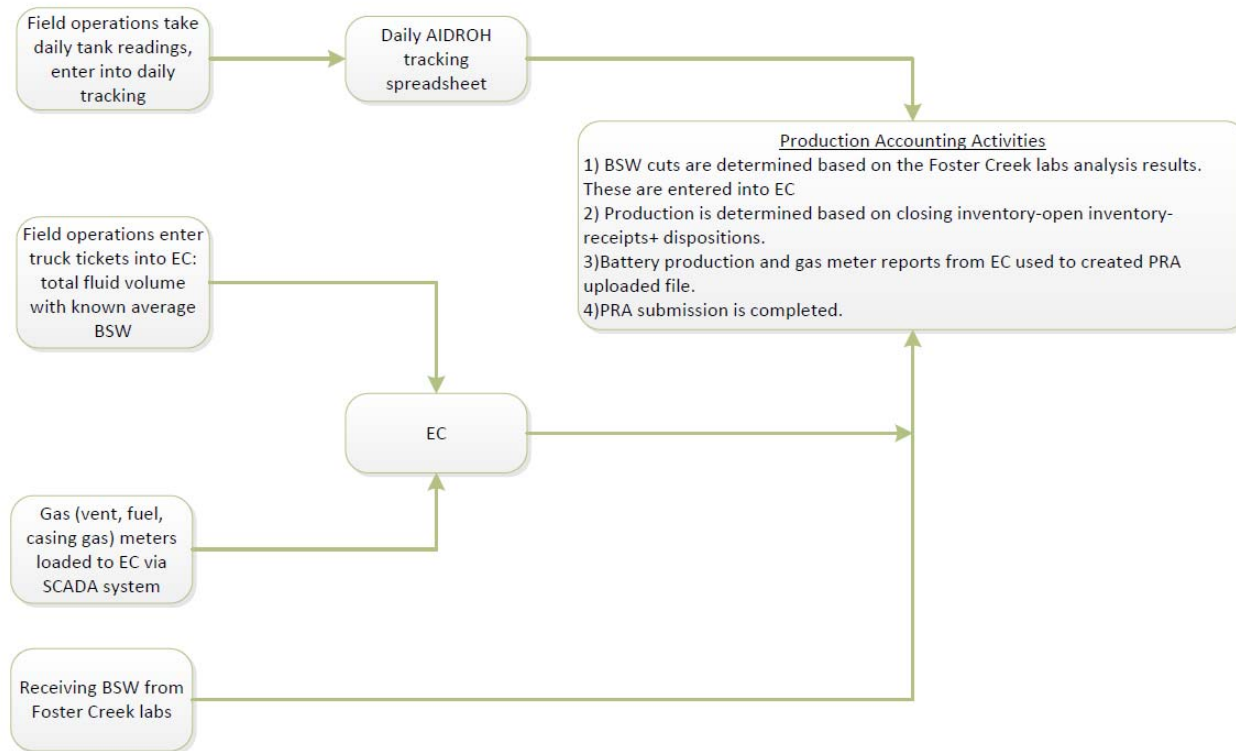
# Measurement and reporting

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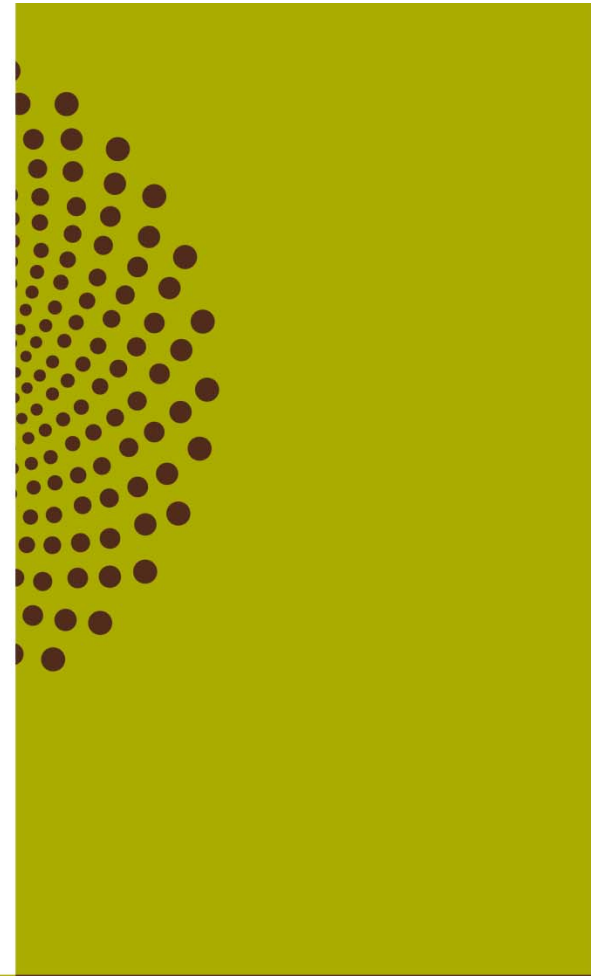
# Measurement reporting



# Water, water disposal wells and landfill waste

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# Water and waste disposal

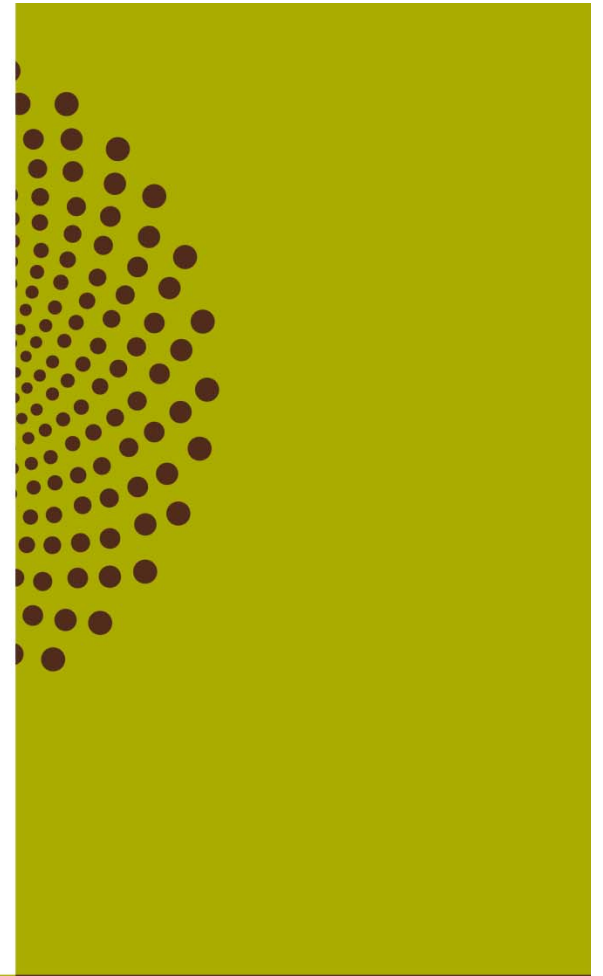
## No production operations during 2017 reporting period

- No processing occurred at the site
- No produced water

# Sulphur production

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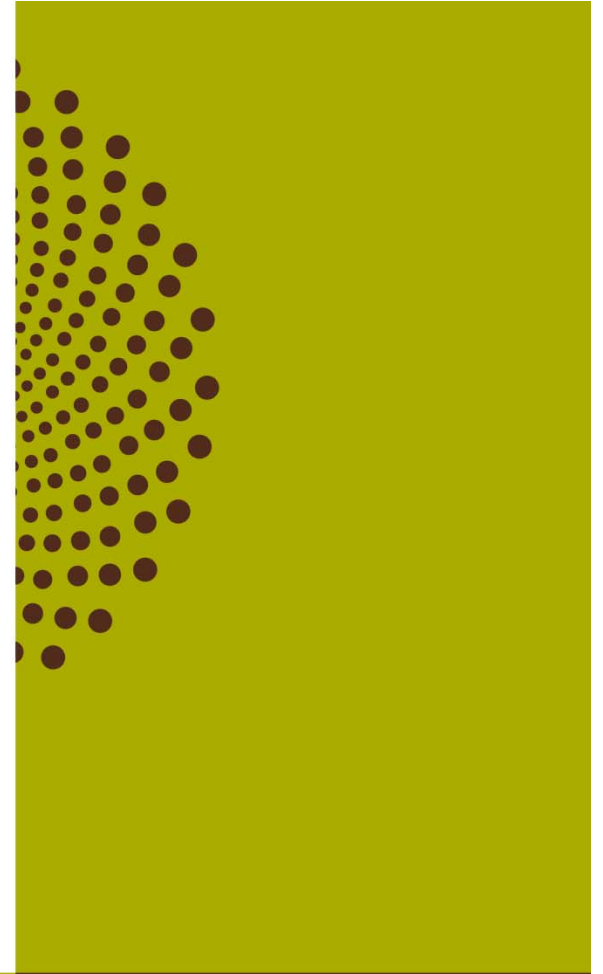
# Sulphur production

**No production operations during 2017 reporting period**

# Environmental issues

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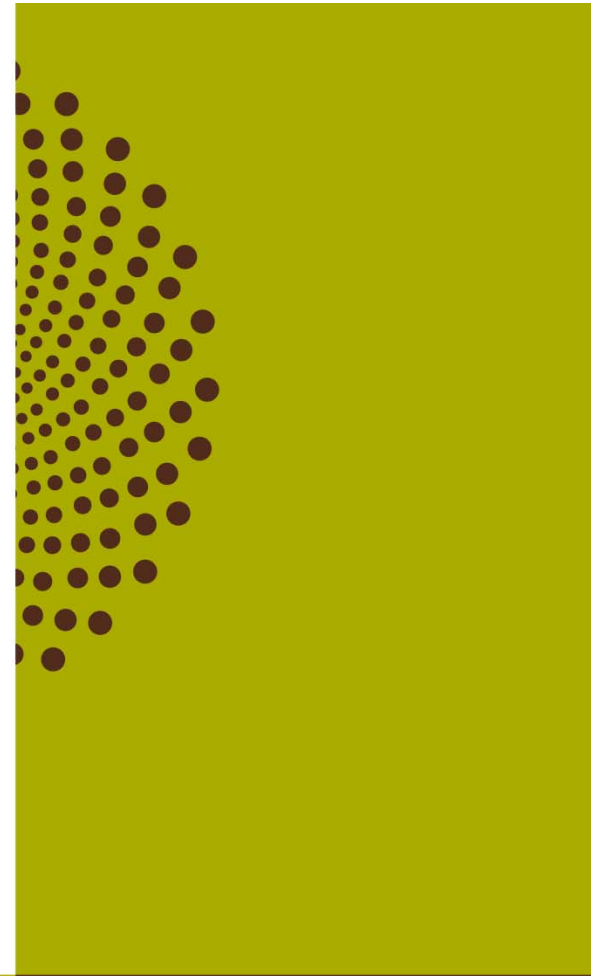
# Environmental issues

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# Compliance statement

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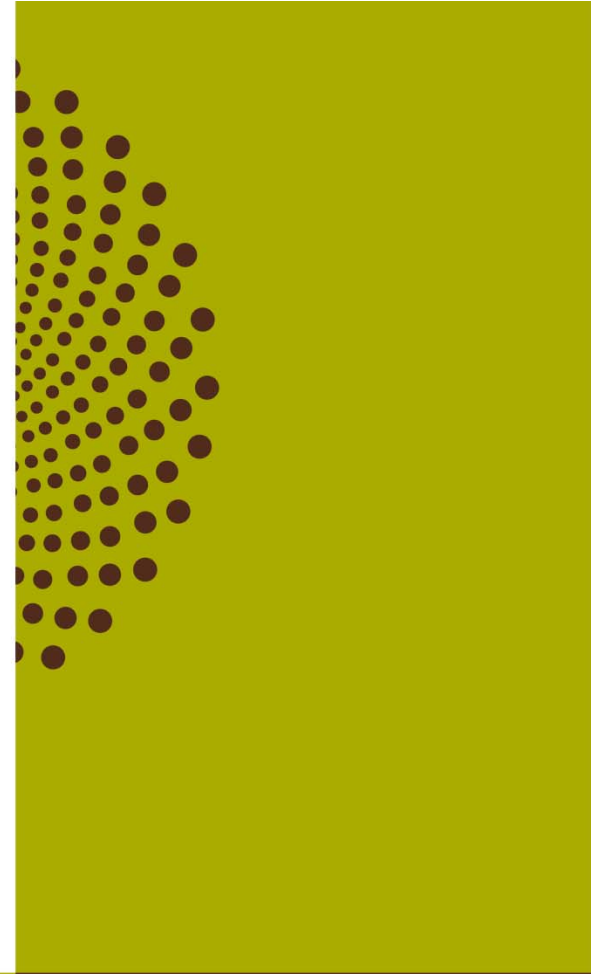
# Compliance confirmation

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# Non-compliance discussion

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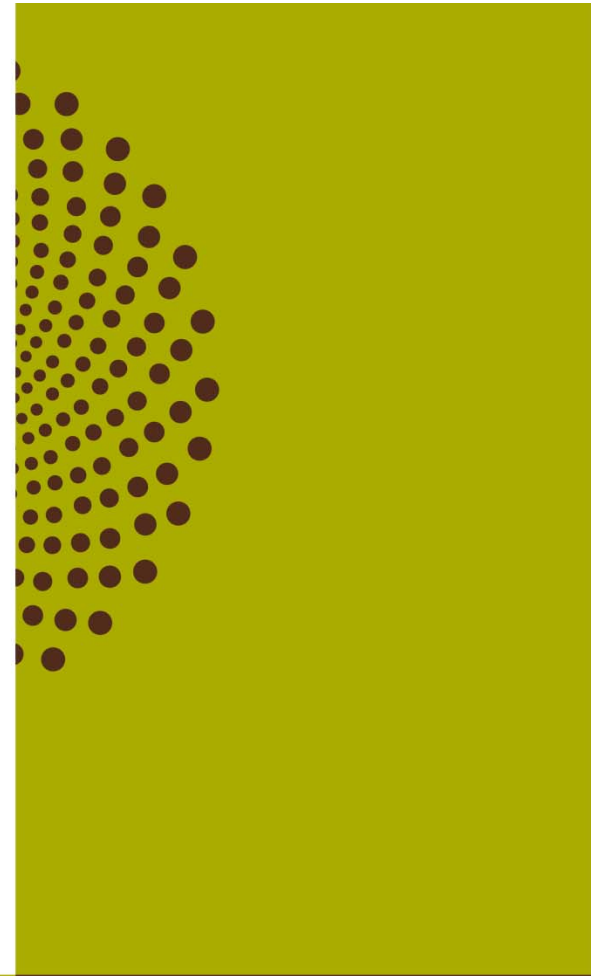
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# Future plans

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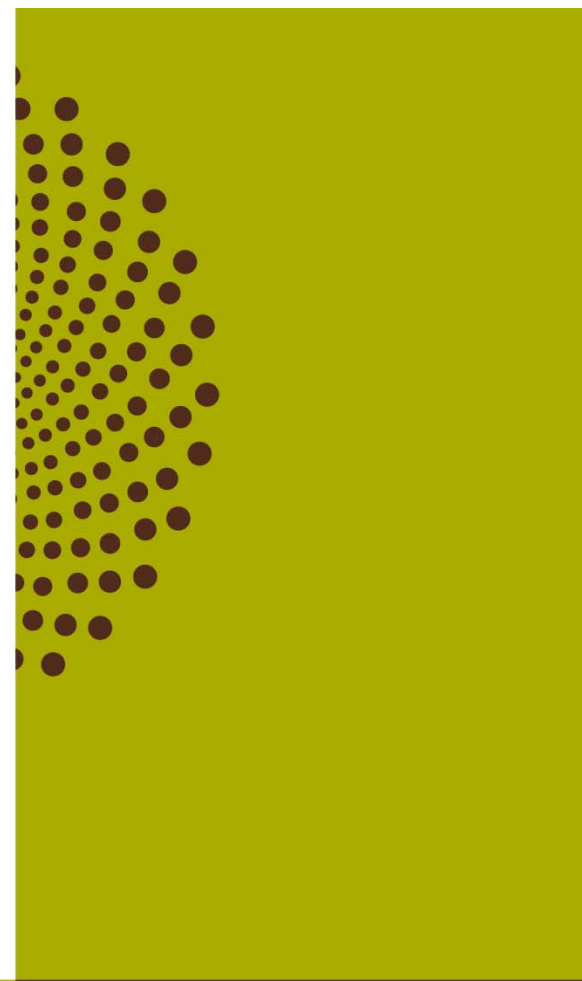
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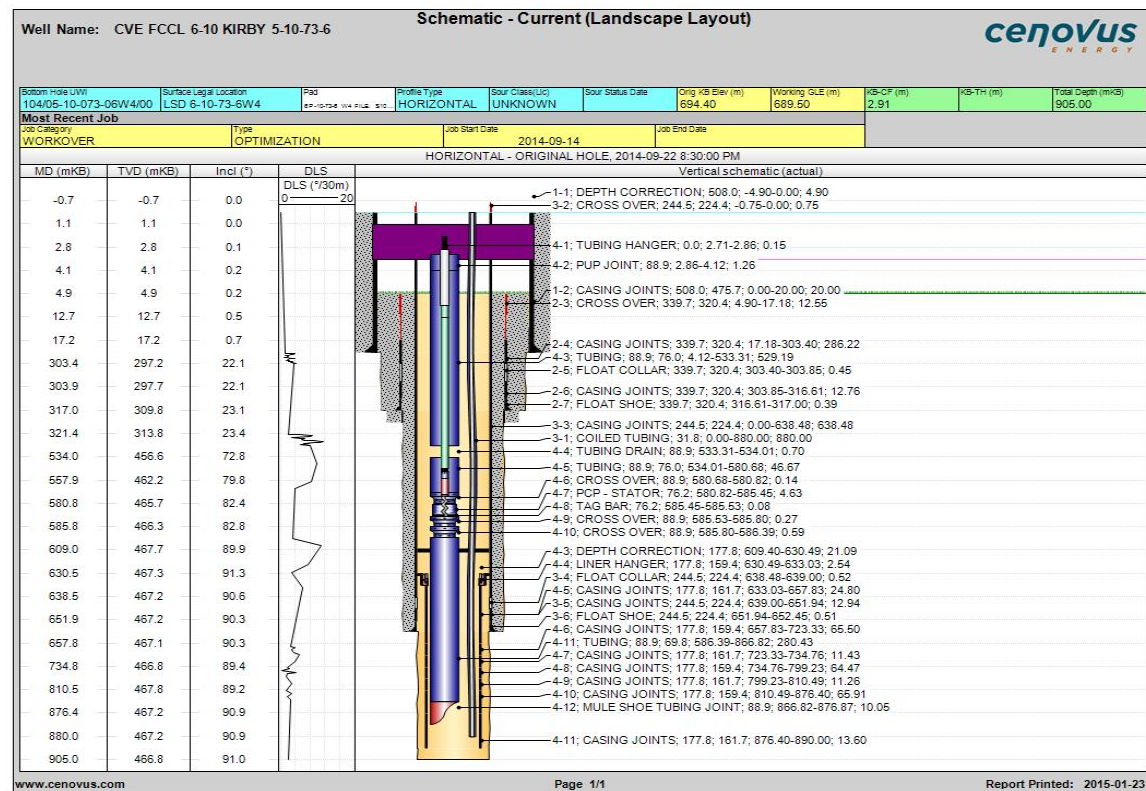
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**Continue suspension of AIDROH well and facilities**

# Appendix



# Wellbore schematic



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