# Cenovus EnCAID approval #10440L Performance Presentation

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#### Cenovus EnCAID\* introduction and overview

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Subsurface issues related to resource evaluation and recovery

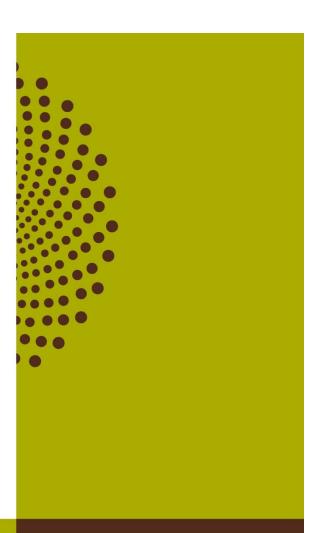
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Subsurface issues related to resource evaluation and recovery



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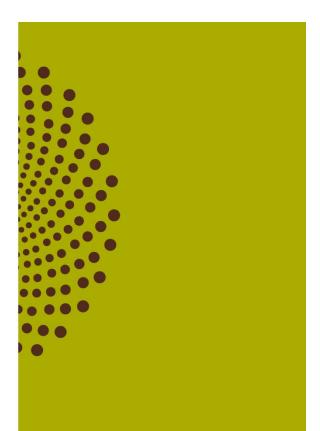
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### Scheme background

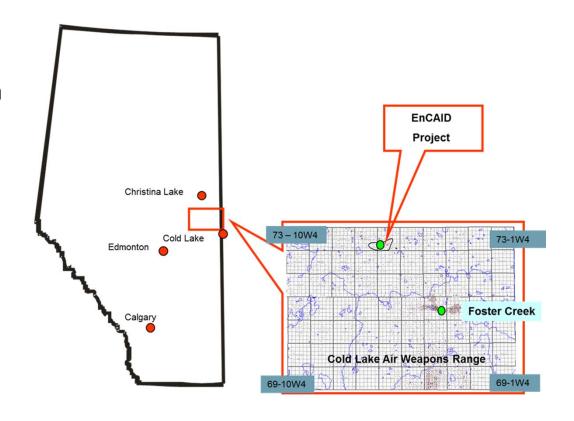
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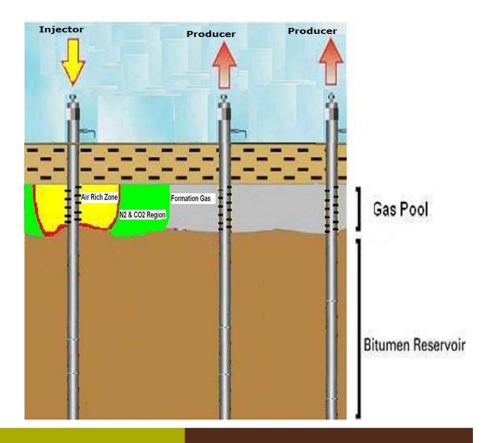
### Background

 The EnCAID project is an enhanced recovery scheme which displaces natural gas with combustion gases that are the result of combustion of residual bitumen in gas cap



### Project overview

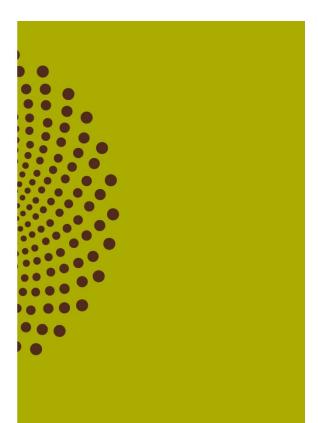
- Combustion of residual bitumen in gas cap
- Allows for displacement and repressurization of gas zone
- 100% Cenovus Energy Inc.



### Geological/geoscience

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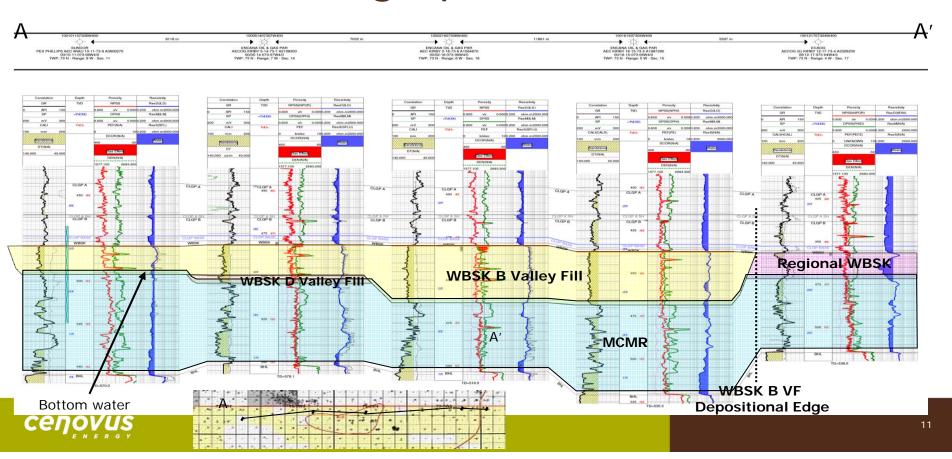
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### Summary of Wabiskaw gas properties

Depth	465 TVD
Thickness	5 m
Average porosity	~36%
Average gas saturation	~50%
Average water saturation	~30%
Average bitumen saturation	~20%

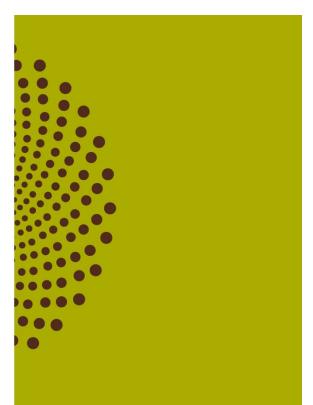
### Wabiskaw stratigraphic cross-section



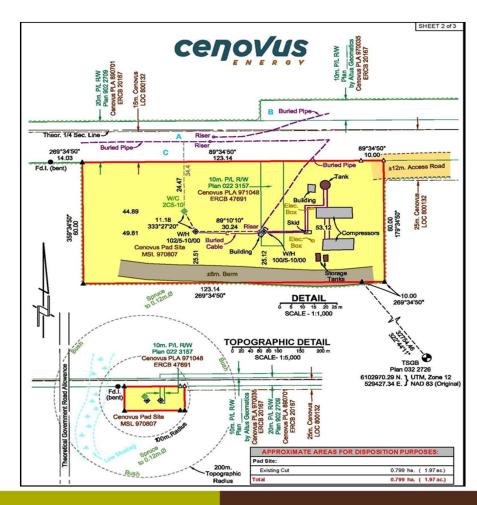
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### Well layout



### Drilling and completion

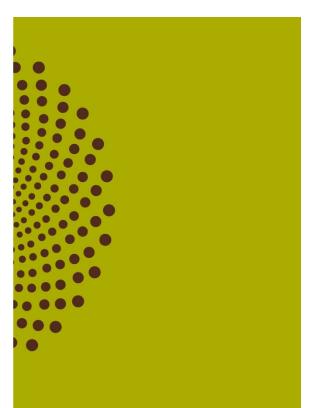
- No new wells were drilled
- No recompletions
- No workovers

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

### Instrumentation

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#### Instrumentation in wells

#### Observation Well: 102/05-10-73-6W4

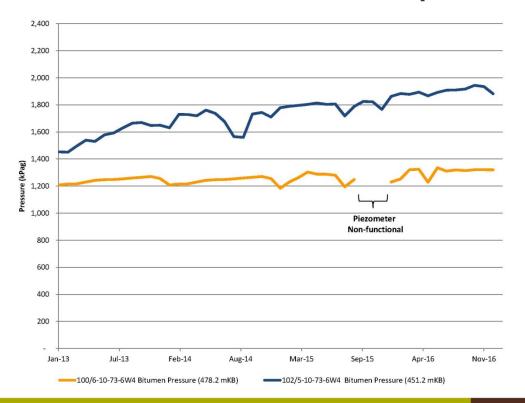
- Equipped with three piezometers
- Equipped with 10 thermocouples

#### Observation Well: 100/6-10-73-6W4

- Equipped with one piezometer
- Equipped with 10 thermocouples

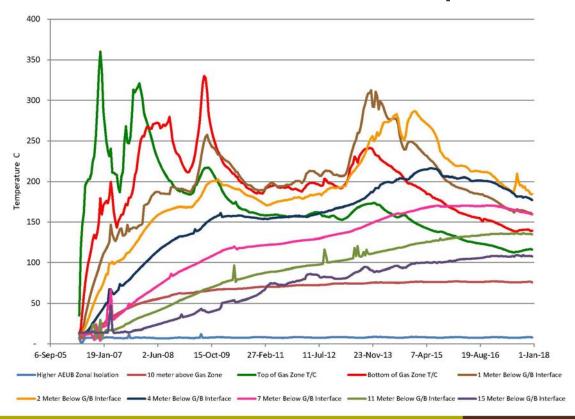
Requirements under subsection 3.1.1 5a – wellbore schematics 5c and 5d are included in the appendix

### Observation wells bitumen pressure



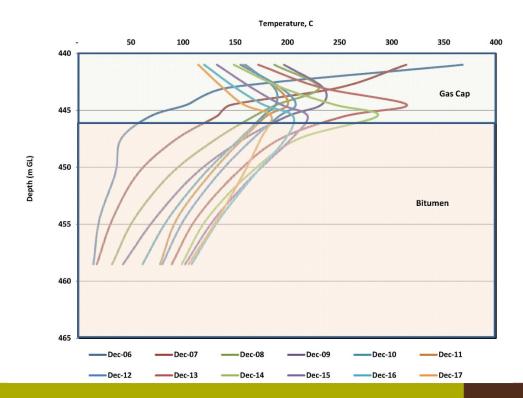


### 102/05-10-073-06W4 - Temp history





### 102/05-10-073-06W4/0 Observation well temperature

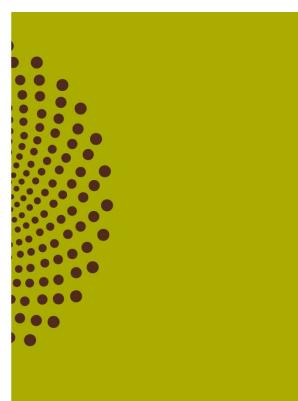




### Scheme performance

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### Project performance history

Year	Activity		
2006	June: Ignition and start-up	2012	Jul: 00/6-7-76-6W4/00 startup Oct: Primrose sales volumes flowing to Caribou gas facility
2007	Q1: 00/14-9-73-6W4/00 nitrogen response a Q2: 00/2-16-73-6W4/00, 00/11-15-73-6W4/00 nitrogen response. 00/14-9-73-6W4/00 shut-in	2013	Feb: 00/6-6-73-6W4/00 startup of Mar: 00/7-8-73-6W4/00 shut-in
2008	May: Nitrogen response at 00/1-17-73-6W4/00	2014	Dec: 00/10-12-73-7W4/00 startup
2009	Jan: 00/6-18-73-6W4/00 gas production shut-in due to segregation repair Jun: 00/7-8-73-6W4/00 nitrogen response Oct: Injectivity decrease observed	2016	Feb: 00/11-15-73-6W4 abandoned Jul: S00/10-11-73-7W4/00 startup
2010	Q1: 00/5-10-73-6W4/00 injector stimulation treatment Q4: 00/1-17-73-6W4/00, 00/2-16-73-6W4/00, 00/11-15-73-6W4/00 shut-in. 00/5-10-73-6W4/00 removal of thermocouple string and perform pressure fall off tests	2017	Mar/Apr: Production shut-in due to non-compliance event Aug: 00/06-05-073-06/W4 shut-in Oct: 00/10-11-073-06W4 returned to production at restricted rate
2011	Q1: 00/5-10-73-6W4/00 injector stimulation treatment Mar/Apr: 00/11-15-73-6W4/00 flowed $\rm N_2$ 85%		



### Production/injection summary

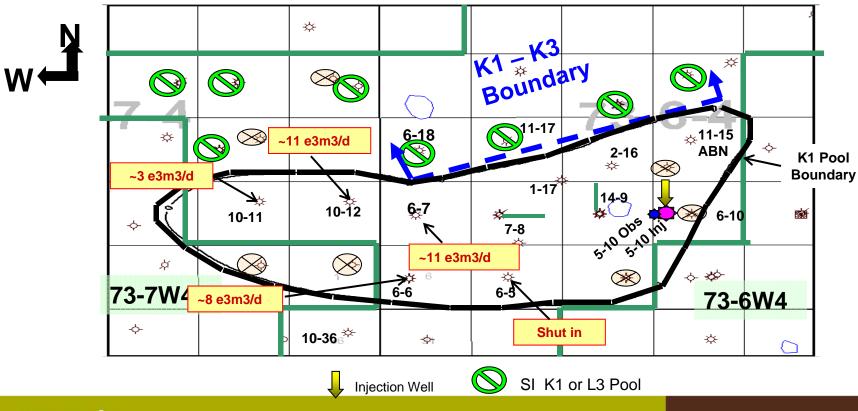
#### **Production operations**

Operating for	Air injected	Bulk gas recovered	Formation gas recovered
>11 years	$\sim 293 \ e^6 m^3$	~ 203 e <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	~ 180 e <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup>

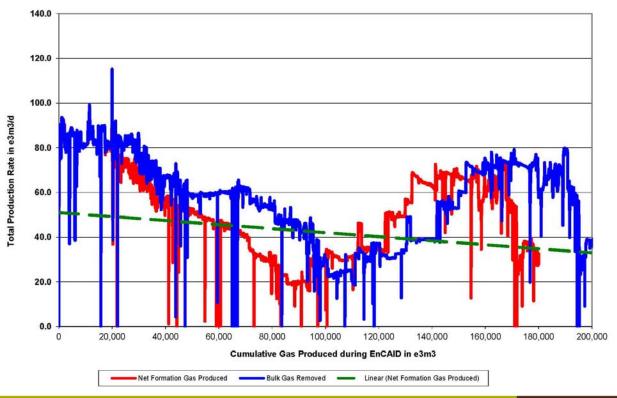
#### **Approved producers**

UWI	Status	UWI	Status
00/06-05-073-06W4/0	Shut-in $\sim 76\% \text{ N}_2$	00/02-16-073-06W4/0	Shut-in $\sim$ 85% $N_2$
00/06-06-073-06W4/2	Flowing <1% N <sub>2</sub>	00/01-17-073-06W4/0	Shut-in $\sim 85\%~\mathrm{N_2}$
00/06-07-073-06W4/2	Flowing <1% N <sub>2</sub>	00/10-11-073-07W4/0	Flowing <1% $N_2$
00/07-08-073-06W4/0	Shut-in $\sim 88\% N_2$	00/10-12-073-07W4/0	Flowing <1% $N_2$
00/11-15-073-06W4/0	Abandoned	00/14-09-073-06W4/0	Shut-in $\sim$ 87% $N_2$

### K3 pool production



### History production





### Voidage replacement ratio (VRR) - 2018

#### January to June

Steady high air injection rates

#### **July to December**

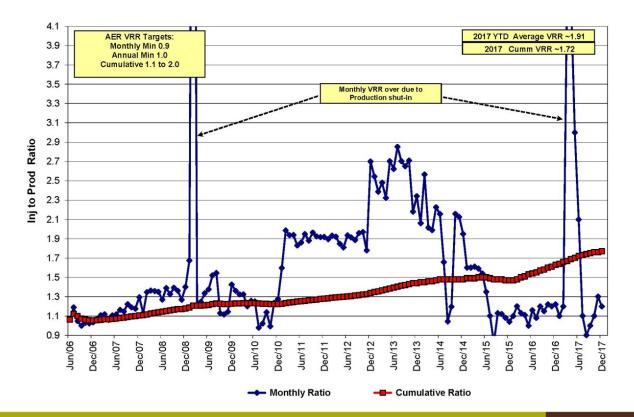
Reduce air injection rates to manage operating costs with intermittent high air injection rates to ensure that the minimum monthly VRR of 0.90 was met

### Voidage replacement ratio

	Monthly VRR	Cumulative VRR	VRR regulatory approved limit (Min monthly)
January	1.10	1.64	0.90
February	1.20	1.66	0.90
March	4.50	1.67	0.90
April	4.40	1.69	0.90
May	3.00	1.70	0.90
June	2.10	1.72	0.90
July	1.10	1.73	0.90
August	0.90	1.74	0.90
September	1.00	1.75	0.90
October	1.10	1.76	0.90
November	1.30	1.76	0.90
December	1.20	1.77	0.90

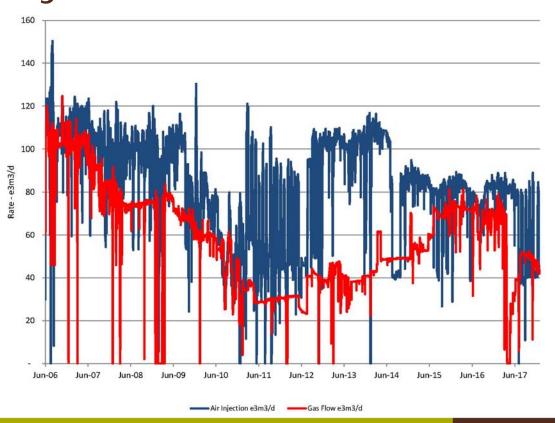


### VRR performance



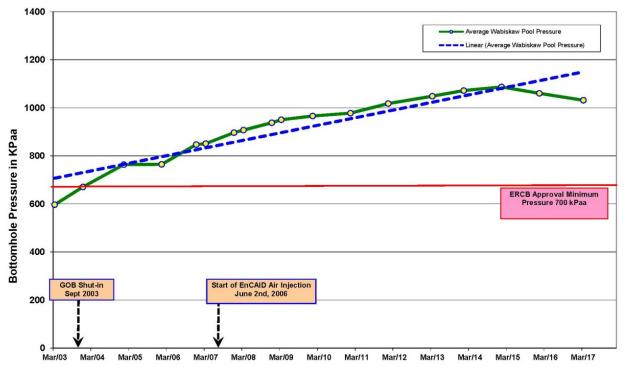


### VRR history





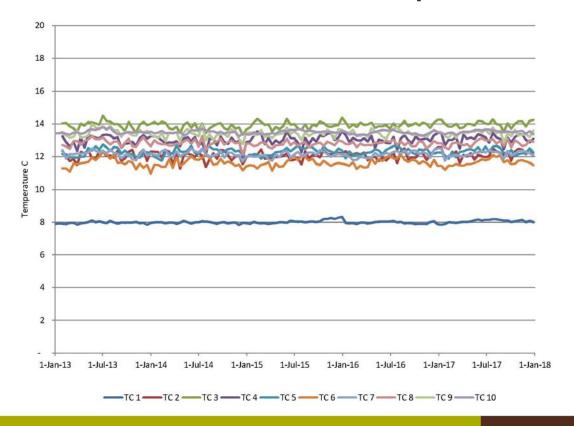
### K3 pool pressure



Dates since Shut-in & Start-up



### Observation 6-10 well temperature



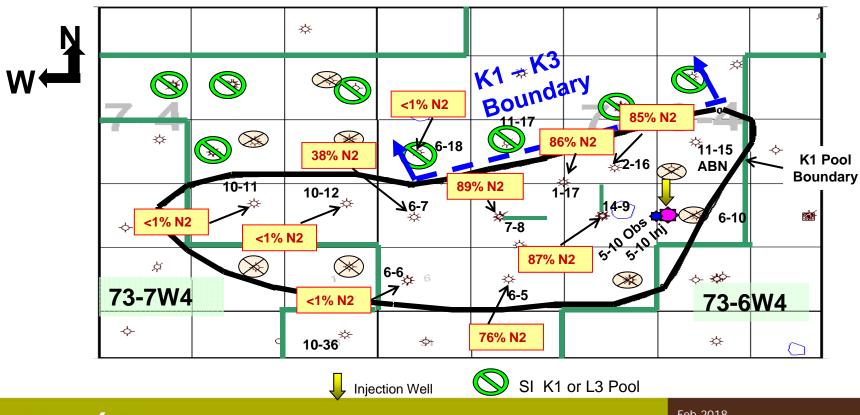


### Composition of injected/produced fluids

- EnCAID does not currently sample air injected
- EnCAID captures gas samples for analysis on the schedule located to the right and monitors compositional changes for each well
- Cenovus samples selective wells on more frequent basis than required under Approval 10440L

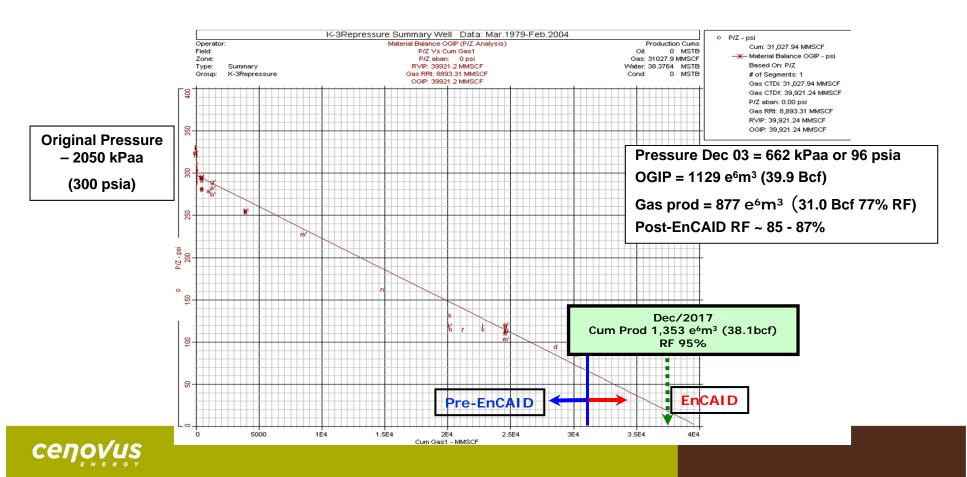
	Sampling Frequency
00/01-17-073-06W4/0	Annual
00/02-16-073-06W4/0	Annual
00/06-05-073-06W4/0	Semi-annual
00/06-06-073-06W4/2	Semi-annual
00/06-07-073-06W4/2	Semi-annual
00/06-10-073-06W4/2	Annual
00/06-18-073-06W4/0	Annual
00/07-08-073-06W4/0	Annual
00/10-11-073-07W4/0	Semi-annual
00/10-12-073-07W4/0	Semi-annual
00/10-36-072-07W4/2	Annual
00/11-17-073-06W4/0	Annual
00/14-09-073-06W4/0	Annual

### Nitrogen response



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#### Wabiskaw K-3 Pool material balance



### Subsurface key learnings

#### Presence of more than one oxidation front indicates

- fuel remaining in the region swept by the combustion front
- could be either residual oil left behind first oxidation front, or resaturation with oil from adjacent rock or, possibly from flammable vapor produced from the oxidation and cracking reactions

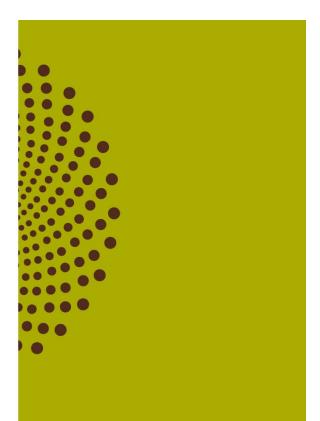
## Continues to be strong correlations between air-injection rate and temperature changes

- first oxidation zone at the bottom of the gas cap was truncated by a reduction in injection rate
- increase in injection rate performed in early 2013 resulted in ignition and combustion of the top of the bitumen

### Future plans

#### **Subsurface section 8**

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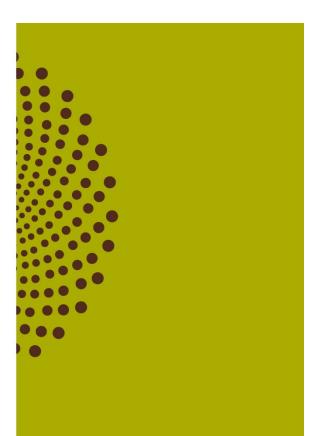
### Future plans

No changes in overall recovery strategy are planned at this time



#### AER Dir 54 Section 3.1.2

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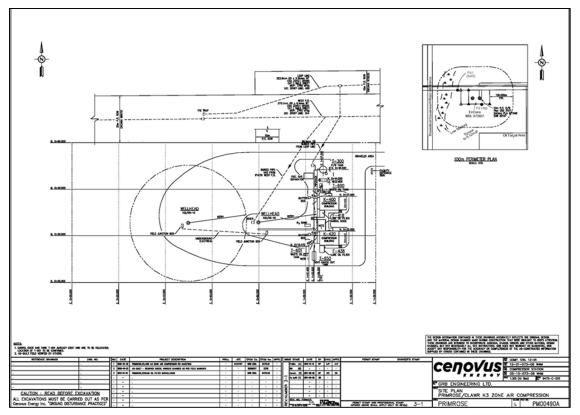
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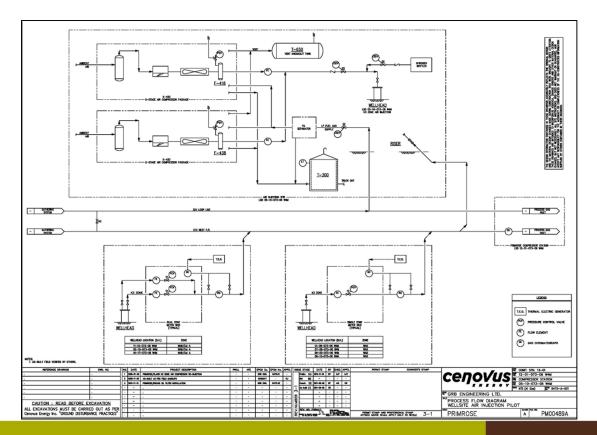


## Site Layout





#### Process flow schematic





#### Plant performance - 2018

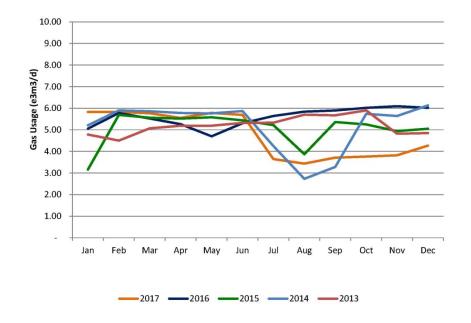
#### Facility is operating as expected

- Steady air injections
- Some weather related reductions

### Gas usage

# Usage is as fuel gas for air compressor operations

- Gas source Primrose plant fuel gas
- Total 2017 usage 1,727 e<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup>



### Greenhouse gas emissions

	2017 (tonnes)
January	498.72
February	450.19
March	486.36
April	463.91
May	490.85
June	473.46
July	307.69
August	294.32
September	307.01
October	325.18
November	317.18
December	343.09



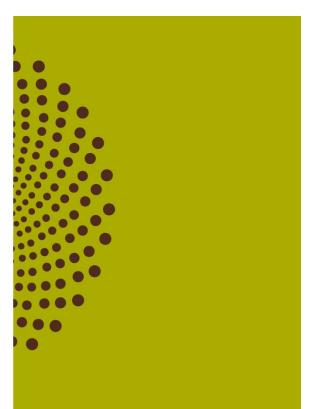
#### Surface facility key learnings

- Safe operation of production and injection wells
- Geographical location provides challenges for instrumentation operations utilizing solar panels during the winter season
- Purity of injection gases plays key role in maintaining injectivity
- Marginal economics to operate in today's pricing environment

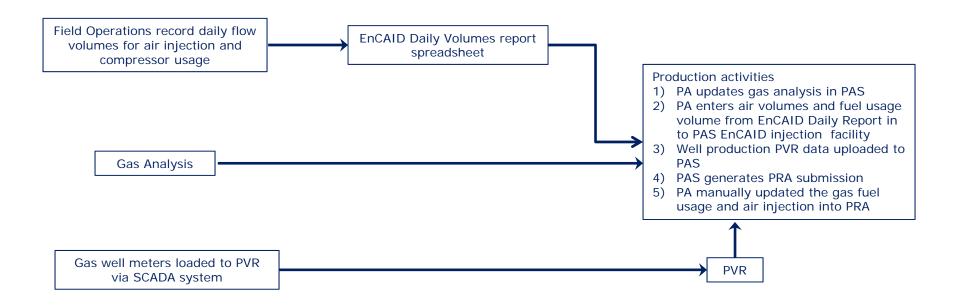
#### Measurement and reporting

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#### Measurement reporting

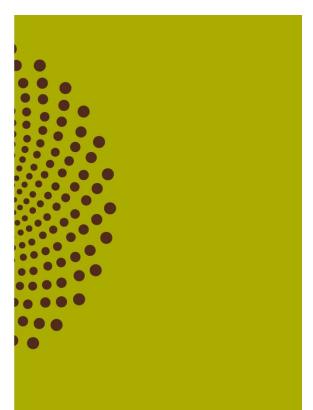




#### Environmental issues

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#### Environmental compliance

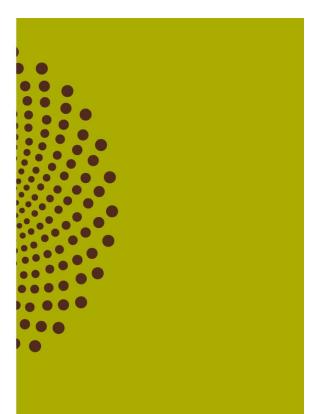
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#### Compliance statement

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#### Compliance confirmation

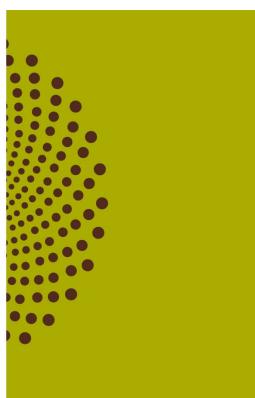
Two non-compliance events related to EnCAID Approval 10440L occurred in 2017

- 10440L Section 7) (2)
  - Non-continuous monitoring of surface pressure on 00/14-09-073-06W4/0
- 10440L Section 13)
  - Bottom hole stabilized pressure fell below 700 kPaa

### Non-compliance discussion

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#### Non-compliance discussion

## 10440L Section 7) (2) - Non-continuous monitoring of surface pressure on 00/14-09-073-06W4/0

- March 17, 2017 Shared electronic equipment was accidently removed when an adjacent well was abandoned
- March 22, 2017 Event was detected by CVE staff
- March 22, 2017 Mitigation to ensure compliance implemented and continued until permanent repair was carried out.
- March 23, 2017 Disclosed to AER

#### Non-compliance confirmation

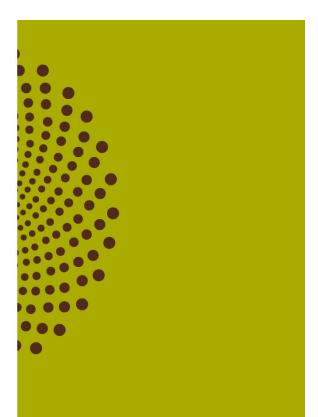
### 10440L Section 13) - Bottom hole stabilized pressure fell below 700 kPaa

- March 21, 2017 Evaluation of static gradients revived noncompliance event
- March 24, 2017 AER notified and deemed event low risk
- March 24, 2017 Mitigation action to shut-in producers completed until approval of restart plan from AER
- April 20, 2017 AER approval received for restart of shut-in producers
- April 21, 217 Producers restarted

### Future plans

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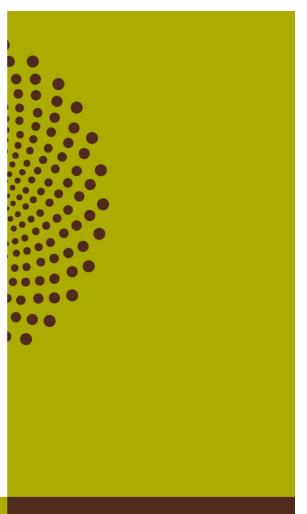
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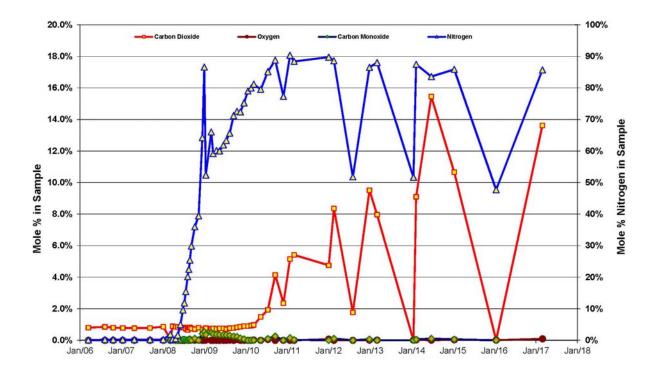
#### Future plans

- No major initiatives or plans that may require submission of an application are being contemplated at this time
- No changes to overall plant design or amendments are anticipated at this time
- Operate the project until it is uneconomic

### **Appendix**

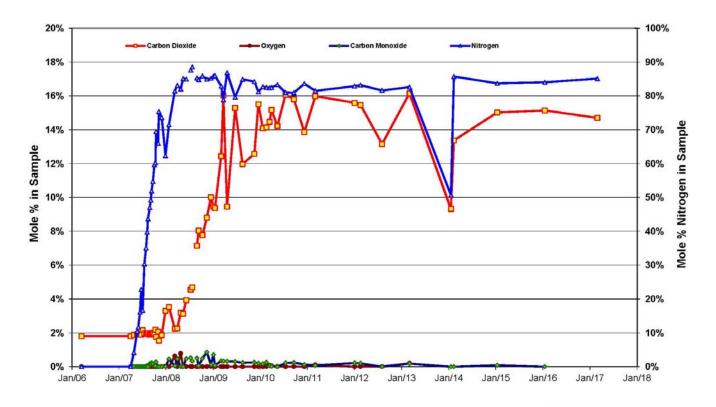


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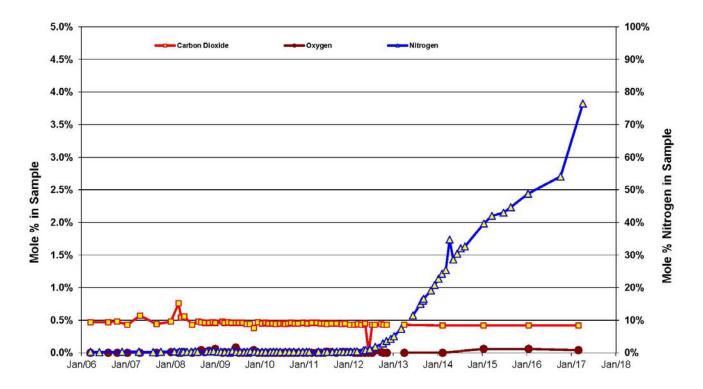


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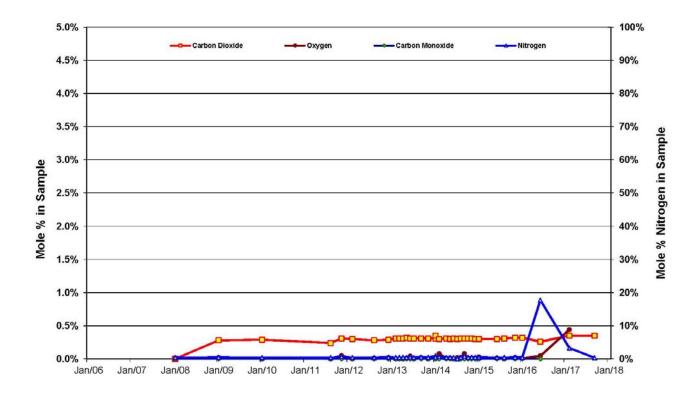


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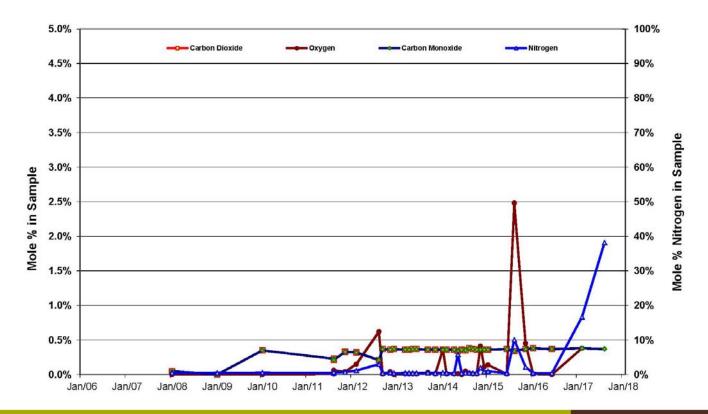




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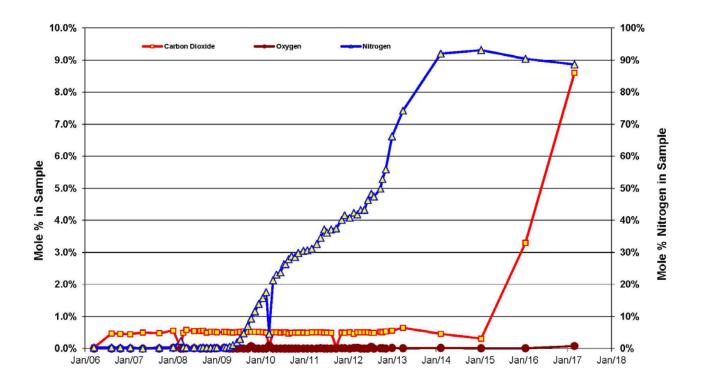


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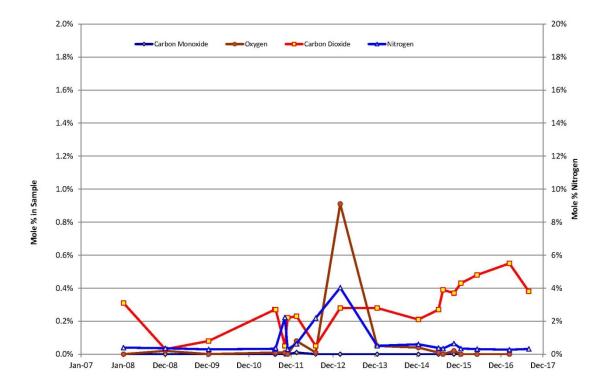


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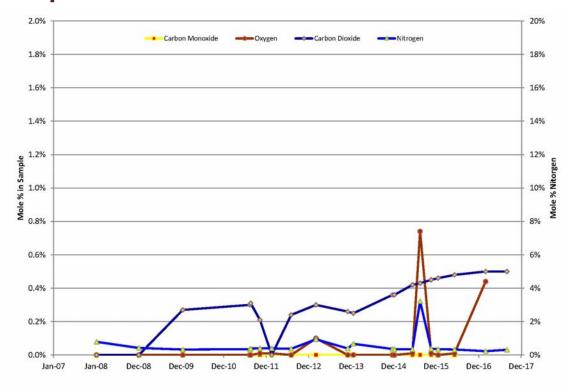


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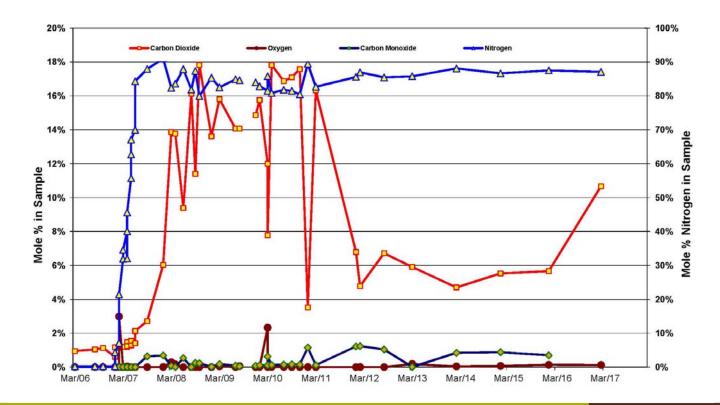


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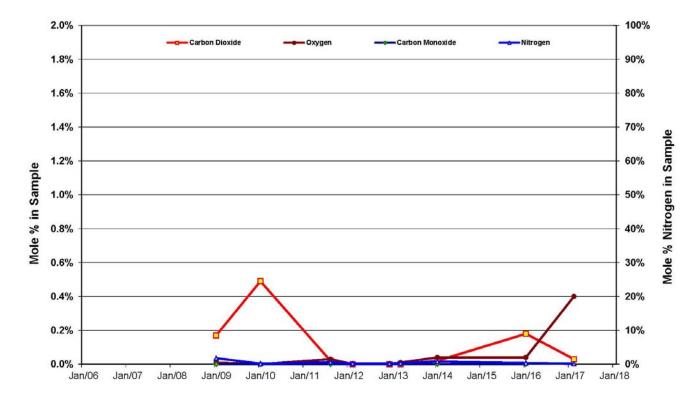


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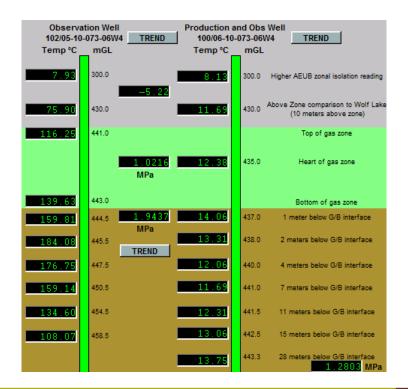


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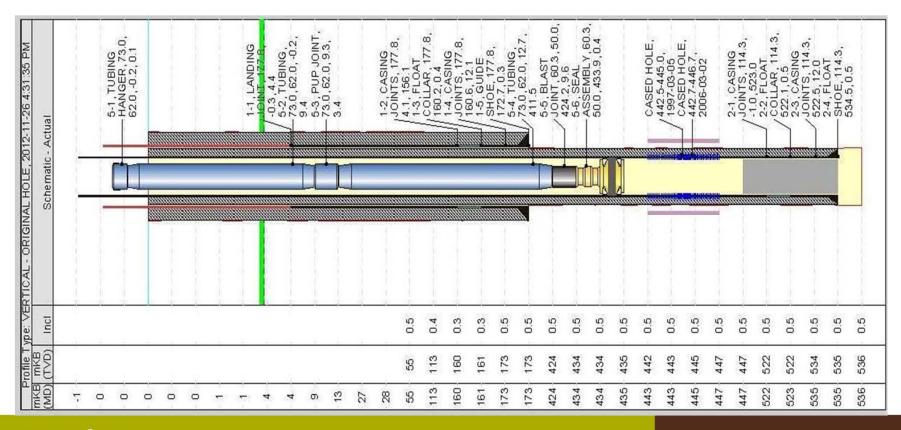


#### Downhole instrumentation layout

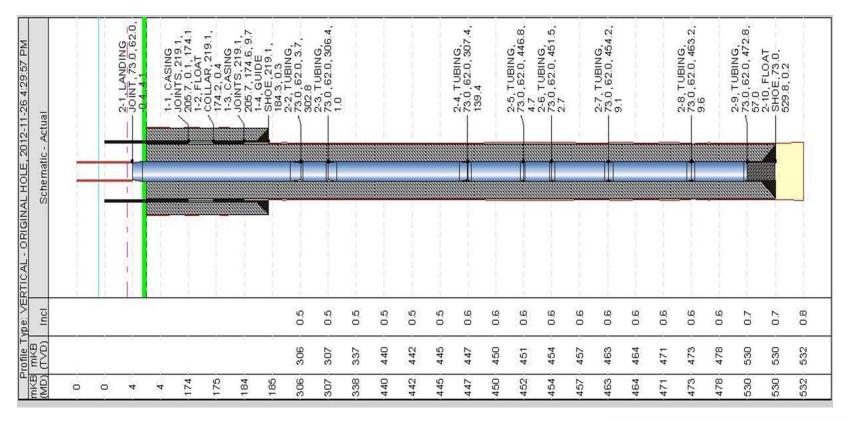




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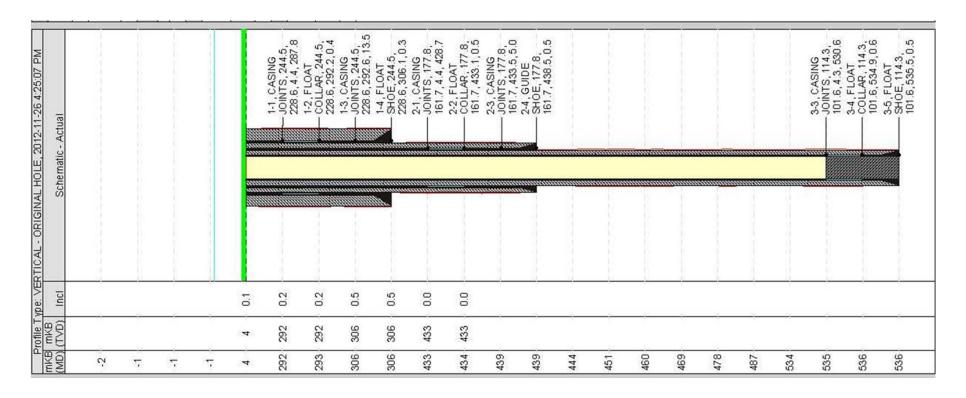


#### 102/05-10-073-06W4 wellbore schematic





#### 103/05-10-073-06W4 wellbore schematic



### Thank you

