

### McKay River Thermal Project Scheme No. 11461 Performance Report June 29, 2021









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## **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

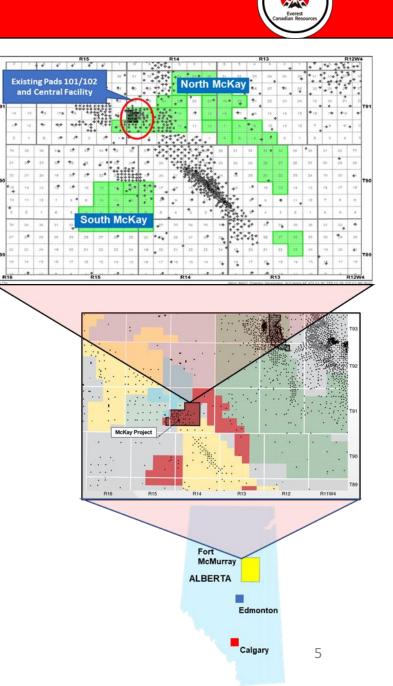




- McKay River Project was previously owned and operated by Southern Pacific Resource Corp.
  - November 2010 Receives project approval:
    - EPEA Approval No. 255245-00-00
    - Oil Sands Conservation Act Approval No. 11461
    - Approved Capacity 12,000 bbl/d oil treating
  - In January 2015, Southern Pacific Resources, previous owner of STP McKay, was granted protection under the CCAA and subsequently entered Receivership in June 2015
  - Due to the depressed commodity price environment and high operating costs at the time, production was shut-in, and the Receiver initiated and completed a warm-hibernation program by August 2015
- Project was officially transferred to Everest Canadian Resources on February 2019

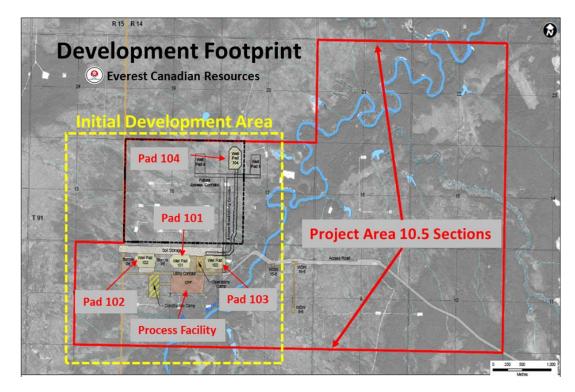
## **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

- Everest Canadian Resources (ECR) McKay is a 12,000 bpd Name Plate, Steam-Assisted-Gravity-Drainage ("SAGD") facility.
- Located 45 km northwest of Fort McMurray on an approved 10.5 section development area within a larger acreage block
- Project Area is 10.5 sections in Township 91, Range 14, W4M and Township 91, Range 15, W4M
- Development Area is 1.25 Sections in Township 91, Range 14, W4M



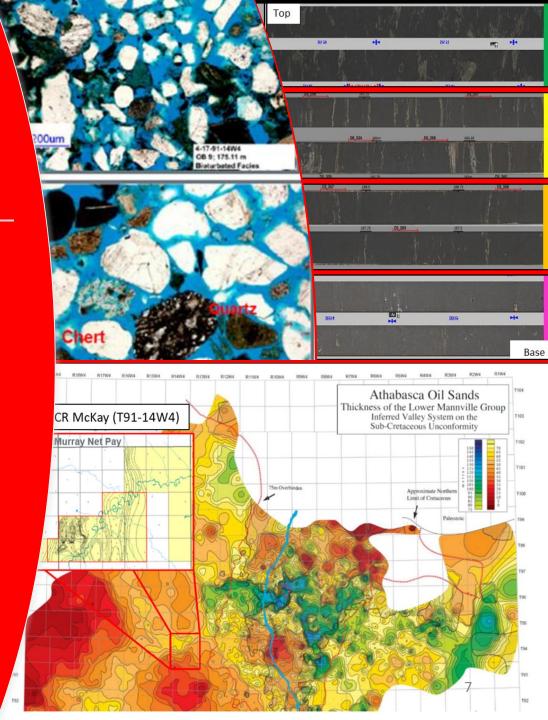


- Current approved development includes four well pads (101 to 104)
- The initial development is west of the MacKay River and includes well pads 101 & 102
- Process Facility existing capacity of 12,000 bbld oil and 37,400 bbld steam





## SUBSURFACE





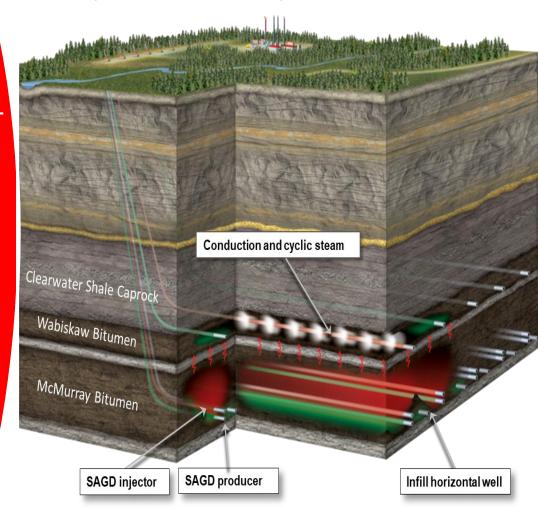
# **1.2 SUBSURFACE**

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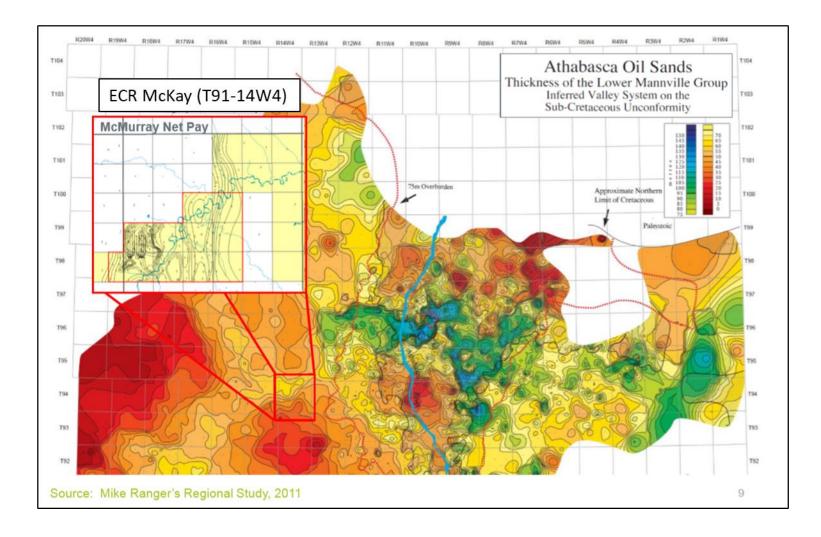


### GEOLOGY & GEOSICENCE

### McKay: Full Bitumen Exploitation Plan







**APPROVAL AREA** 





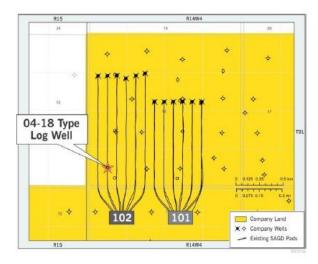


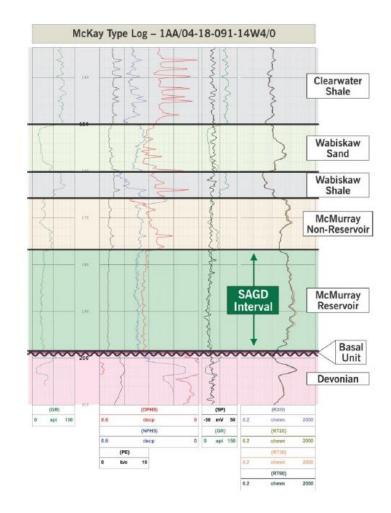
- Upper McMurray in North McKay
  - Estuarine/Deltaic deposits:

The reservoir at STP's North McKay project ranges from a thickly bedded, tidally influenced, sand dominated tidal unit to a slightly brackish-water, sandy embayment.

Large continuous sand deposits:

Ichnofossils in these sands include: Planolites, Thalassinoides , Asterosoma with rare Cylindrichnus, Rhizocorralium



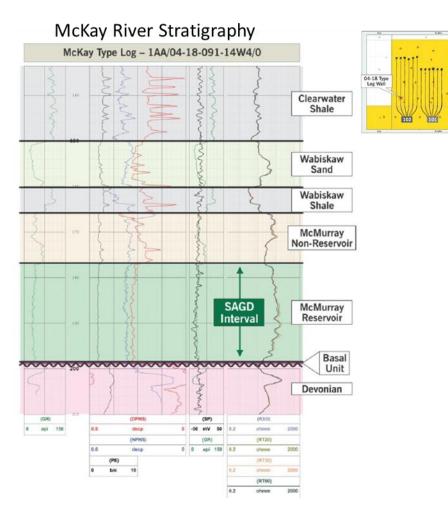


### **APPROVAL AREA Reservoir Properties**

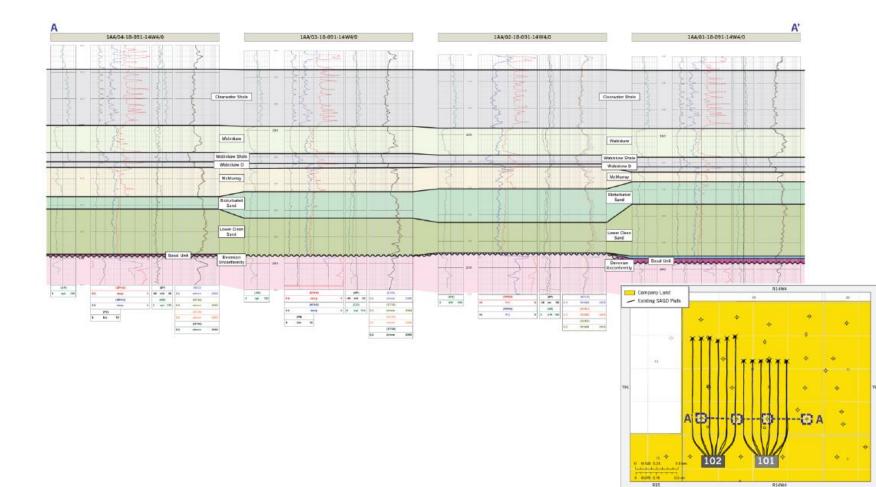


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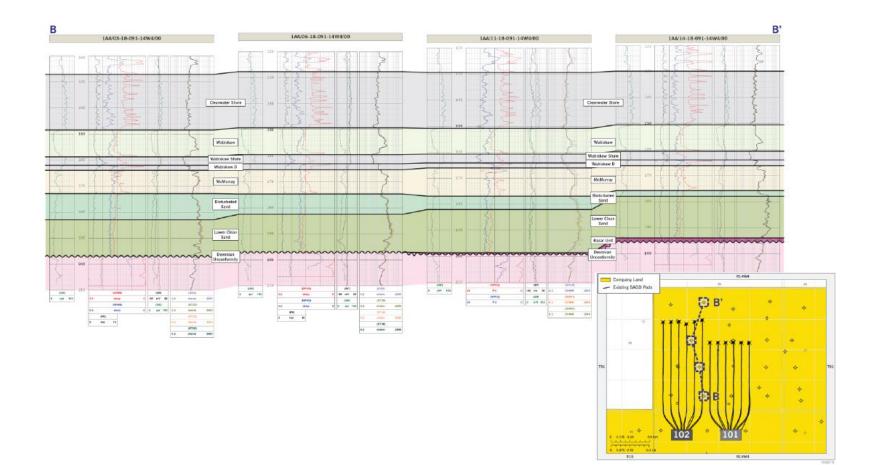
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Pay Zone Thickness (m)	17 - 27	
Lateral Well Pair Spacing (m)	100	
Horizontal Well Length (m)	800 - 1100	
Porosity (%)	32	
Oil Saturation (%)	74	
Original Reservoir Pressure (kPa)	650	
Original Reservoir Temperature (°C)	8.5	



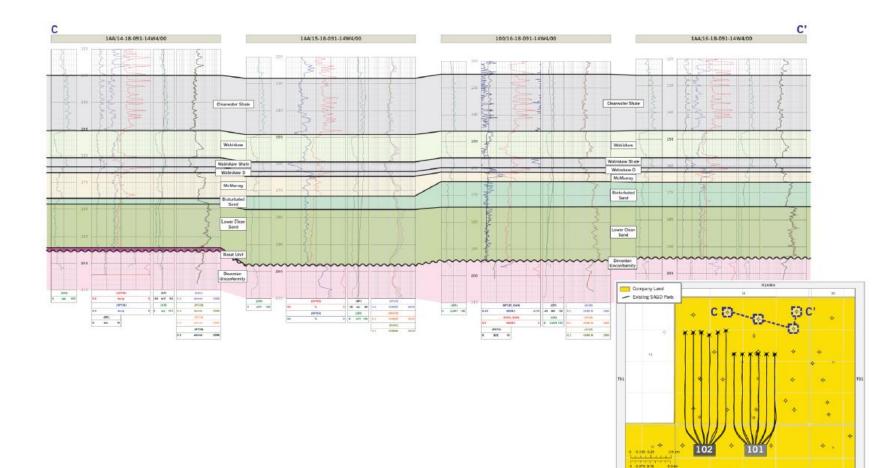








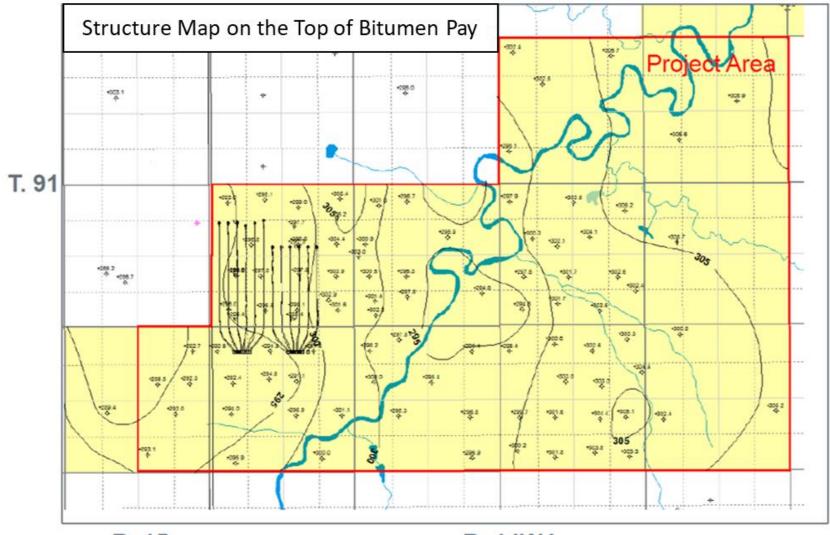




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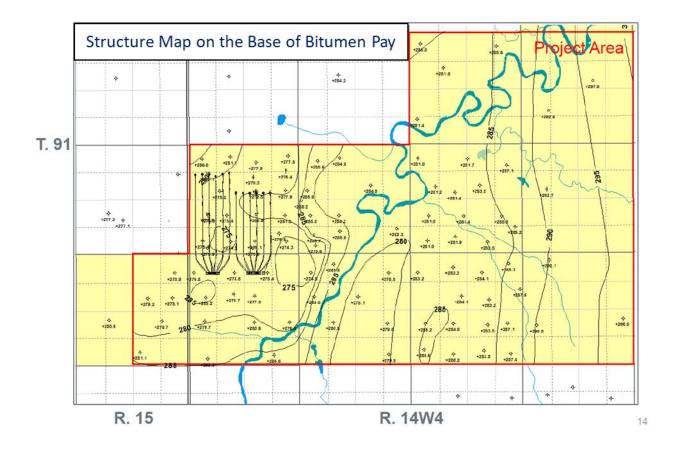




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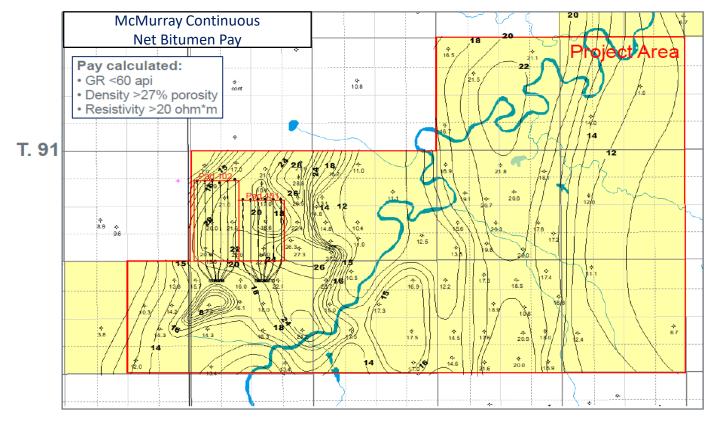
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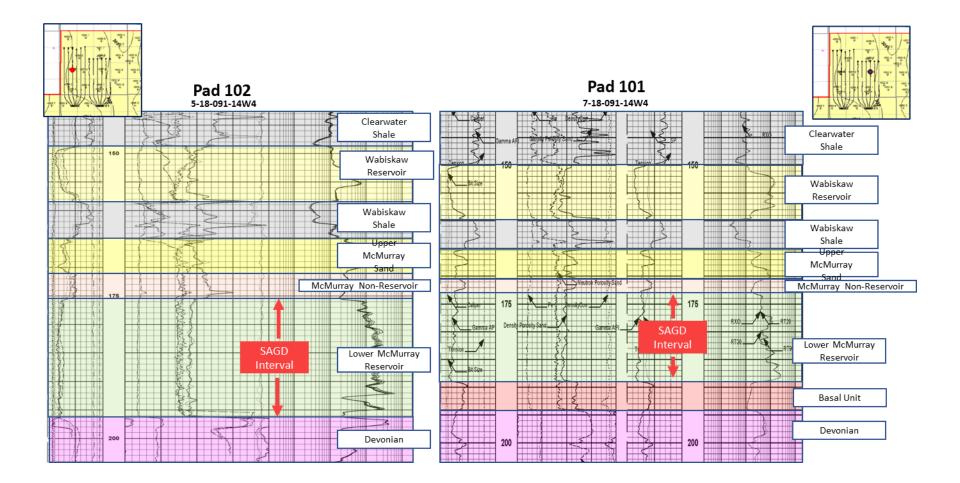








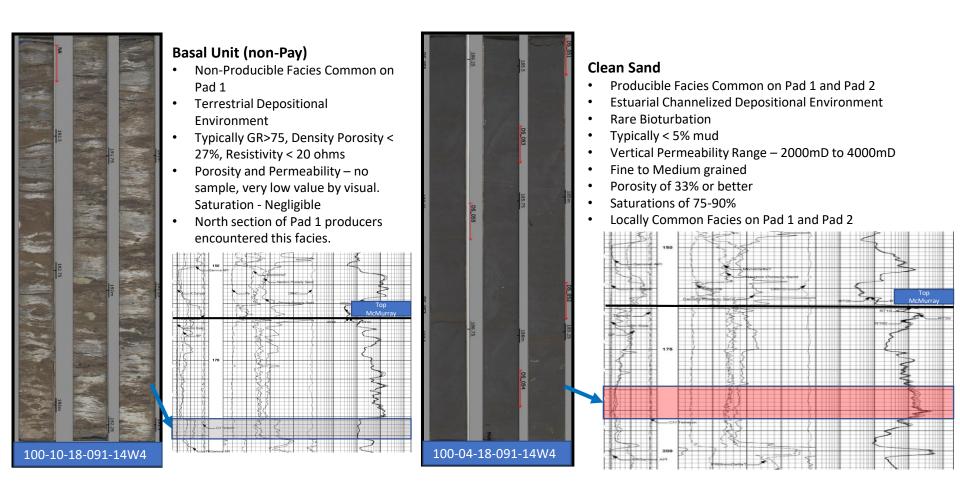
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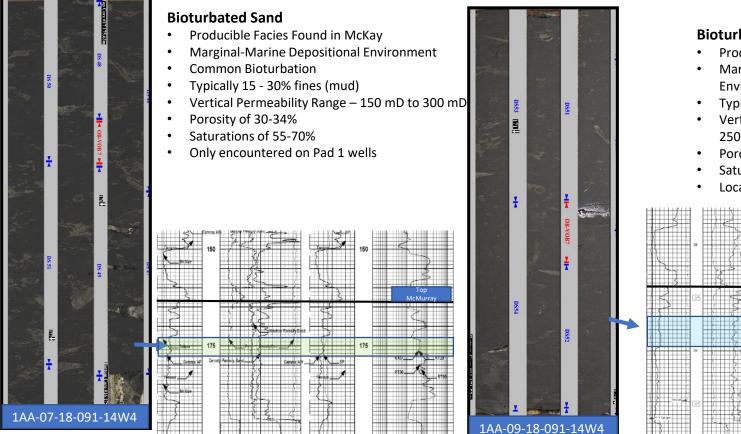
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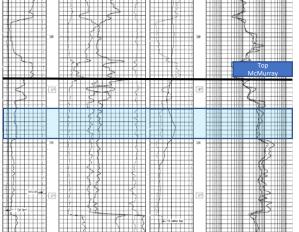
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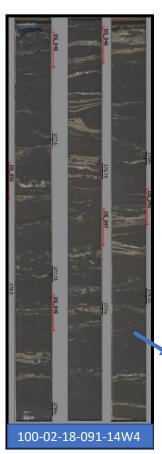
#### **Bioturbated Sand**

- Producible Facies Found in McKay
- Marginal-Marine Depositional Environment
- Typically <15% fines (mud)</li>
- Vertical Permeability Range 250mD to 475mD
- Porosity of 32 36%
- Saturations of 50-70%
- Locally Facies within Pad 3



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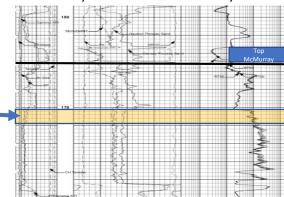
- Producible Facies Found in McKay
- Marginal-Marine Depositional Environment
- Common Bioturbation
- Typically 15-30% fines (mud)
- Vertical Permeability Range 400mD to 1500mD
- Porosity of 31-34%
- Saturations of 60-80%
- Interbeds form permeability baffles that decrease oil rates and increase SOR's

Faciles Found on Pad 1



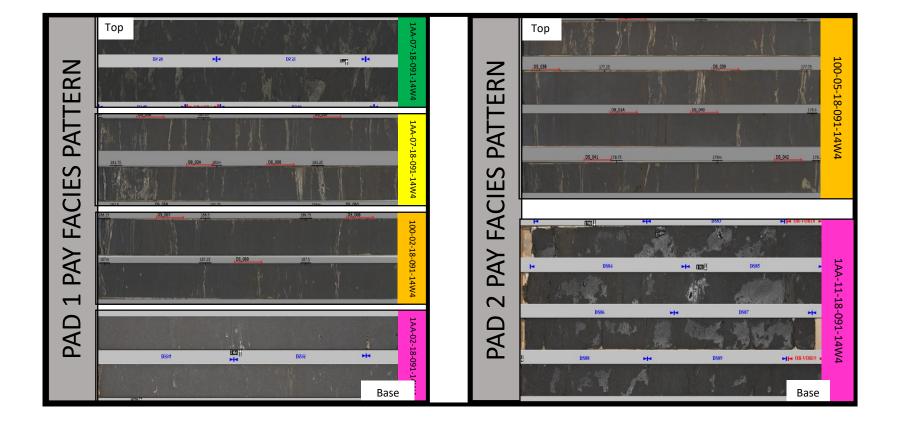
#### **Interbedded Sand**

- Producible Facies Common in McKay
- Marginal-Marine Depositional Environment
- Rare common Bioturbation by various trace fossils
- Typically <15% fines (mud)
- Permeability Range 400mD to 2000mD
- Porosity of 32 36%
- Saturations of 65-85%
- Locally Common Facies in McKay





Bioturbated Sand (15 – 30% mud)	
Bioturbated Sand (mud<15%)	
Clean Sand (mud<5%)	
interbedded Sand (15 – 30 mud)	
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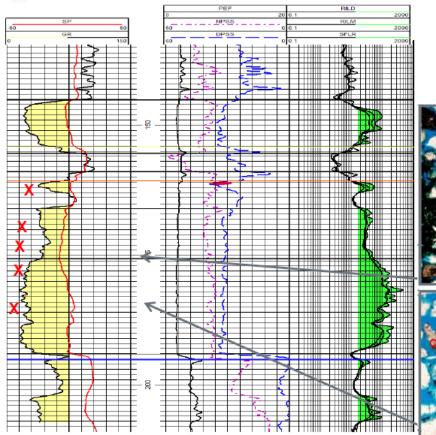


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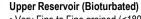
### **APPROVAL AREA PETROGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS**



### AA/04-17-91-14w4

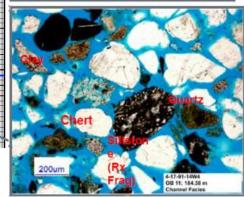


### Core Analysis/Thin Section



- Very Fine to Fine grained (<180 um)
- Moderately sorted, Subangular with elongate grains
- Framework consists of quartz, common chert, siltstones with some feldspars

Clays are within the microporosity of the chert, but also exist within the pore spaces. Pore space has 10% clay in the pore space.
XRD: Analysis shows 86% qtz, 4% K-feldspar, 2% Plagioclase, 1% dolomite. 1% pyrite and 6% total clay.

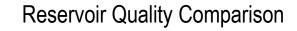


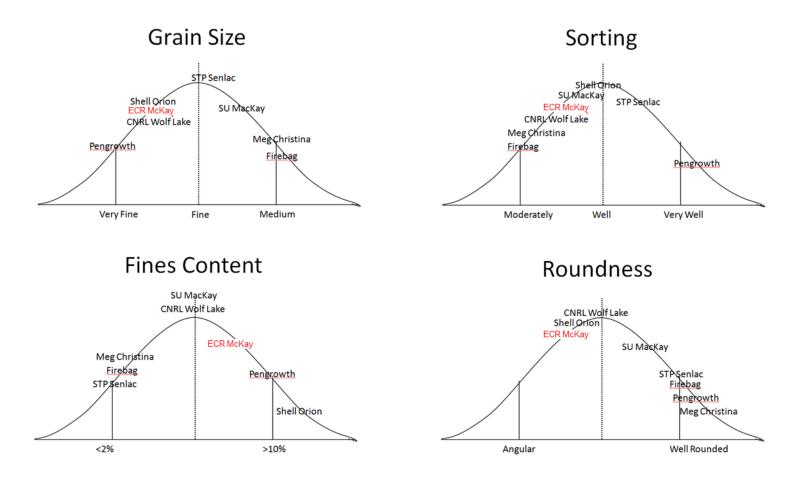
OB 9: 175.11 m

#### Main Reservoir

- Fine to Medium grained (180-250 um)
- Moderately sorted, Subrounded with elongate and spherical grains
- Framework consists of quartz, chert, siltstones with some feldspars
- Similar clays with less interstitial clay found in the rock matrix.
  XRD: Analysis shows 93% qtz, 2% K-feldspar, 1% pyrite and 4% total clay.









Pad	# Well Pairs	Drainage Box Area A (m2)	Average Pay Thickness H (m)	Average Porosity Ø (%)	Average Sauturation So (%)	Average Vertical Permeability (mD)	Average Horizontal Permeability (mD)	OBIP (10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> )	PBIP (10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> )	Total Recovery to Date (%)	Estmated Ultimate Recovery (%)
Pad 1	5	540,000	20	31	74	1598	2210	2.5	2.2	1.9	59
Pad 2	6	720,000	20	32	78	2323	3137	3.6	3.2	6.2	65

Ø = Average porosity from the SAGD reservoir interval

S = Average bitumen saturation from the SAGD reservoir interval

A = Drainage Area

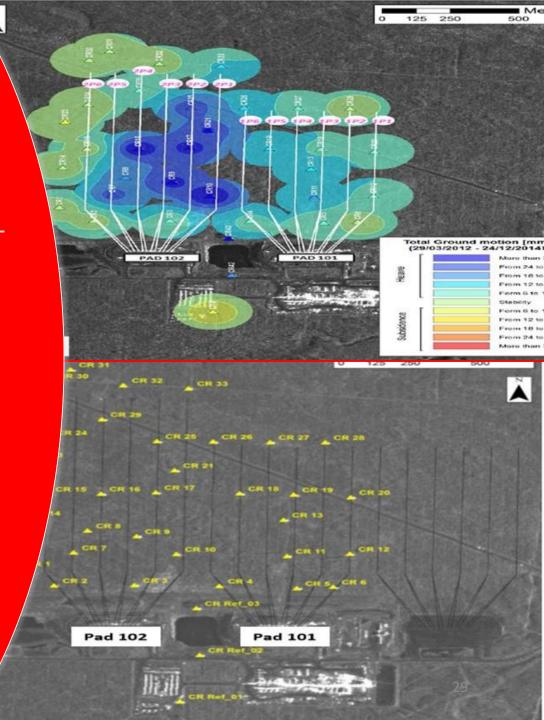
H = Average Pay Thickness

OBIP = Original Bitumen In-Place and measured in 10<sup>6</sup>m<sup>3</sup> units

 $OBIP = A \times H \times \emptyset \times S$ 



### HEAVE MONITORING & CAPROCK INTEGRITY





- 35 Corner reflectors were installed in 2012
- The Surface monitoring started in March 2012
- Based on historical, between 2012 and 2015, cumulative movement of the surface since SAGD operations started was insignificant, ranged between -10 mm (subsidence) and 38 mm (heave).
- Everest did not conduct Heave or other surface monitoring between February 2019 and April 2021 (Everest did not conduct performance between April – August, 2020 since Covid – 19).



- No change in Caprock integrity
- AER approved Maximum Operating Pressure (MOP) of 2,450 kPa.
- McKay met all AER conditions and information requests and received approval in 2011
- Caprock integrity studies was focused on:
  - Core and geological log evaluations
    - No fault planes observed on logs or in core.
    - No borehole breakouts/drilling induced fractures observed from 17 HMI logs.
  - Laboratory testing (reservoir & geomechanical)
    - Low permeability caprock.
    - Geomechanical properties derived from lab testing.
  - Mini-frac testing for characterizing in situ stress state
    - Mini-frac tests conducted at 2 wells.
  - Geomechanical simulation (Taurus Reservoir Solutions)
    - 2,450 kPa operating pressure is conservative



- Mini-Frac Tests
  - Mini-frac tests completed at wells 5-16 and 1-18
  - Stress gradient results are consistent and similar to those expected in the Athabasca Oil Sands.
  - Vertical stress gradient is ~21.5 kPa/m.

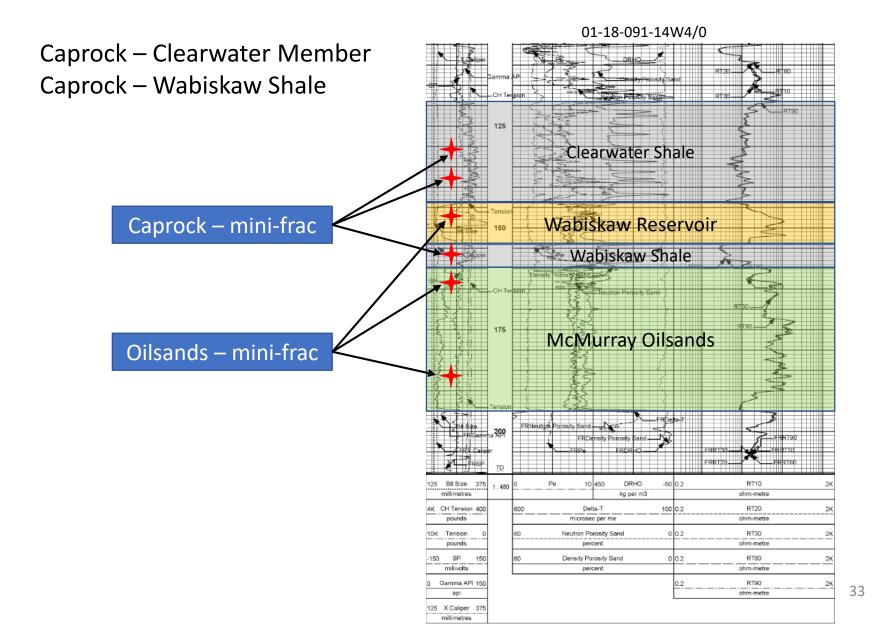
Well	5-16-91-14W4	Date	March 2009		
Depth (m TVD)	Lithology	Minimum Stress (kPa)	Minimum Stress Gradient (kPa/m)		
126	Clearwater Shale	2520	20.0		
140	Clearwater Shale	2760	19.7		
155	Wabiskaw Shale	2710	17.5		
174	McMurray Sandstone	2900	16.7		

Well	1-18-91-14W4	Date	April 2011		
Depth (m TVD)	Lithology	Lithology Minimum Min Stress (kPa) Grad			
131	Clearwater Shale	No B	No Breakdown		
138	Clearwater Shale	2900 21.0			
147	Wabiskaw Sandstone	3060	20.8		
156	Wabiskaw Shale	3250	20.8		
164	Upper McMurray Sandstone	3300	20.1		
186	McMurray Sandstone	3060	16.5		

- Fracture Pressure
  - Assessment of minimum fracture pressure (Smin) at the base of the Clearwater Formation using mini-frac test results.
  - Smin from both wells 5-16 and 1-18 were consistent.
  - Smin fracture pressure at the base of the Clearwater Formation caprock was between ~2,860 kPa and ~ 3,020 kPa.

Well	Depth to Caprock Base (m)	Fracture Gradient (kPa/m)	Smin Fracture Pressure (kPa)
5-16	145	19.7	2857
1-18	144	21.0	3024





- Clearwater Formation:
  - 6 vertical, nested observation wells measuring pressure and temperature.
- Wabiskaw Member:
  - 1 horizontal well measuring temperature and pressure
- Surface heave monitoring program
- Blanket Gas system to monitor bottomhole injection pressures.



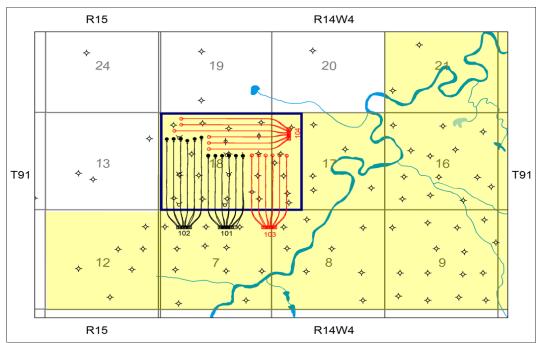
# DRILLING & COMPLETIONS



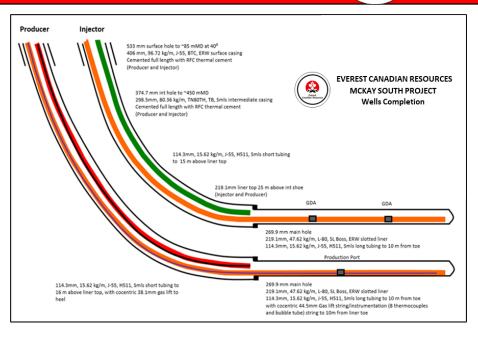
### WELL LAYOUT



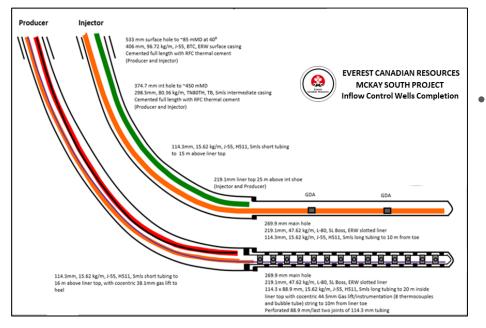
- Approved Development area outlined in blue
- Drilled to date (black):
  - Pad 101 (6 pairs) → 800 m Hz
  - Pad 102 (6 pairs) → ~ 1,000 m Hz
  - Wabiskaw observation well (lies above 1P1)
- Approved Pads (red):
  - Pad 103 (6 pairs)
  - Pad 104 (6 pairs)



# WELLS COMPLETION SCHEMATICS



- Initial Wells completion design
  - Six installations in production wells
  - All production wells are equipped for gas lift
  - Coil tubing with temperature instrumentation is run to toe.



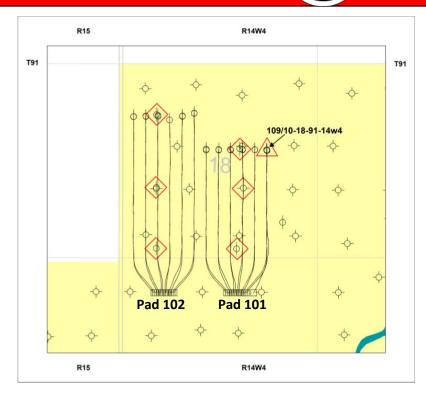
- ICD Installation Producer (Gas Lift)
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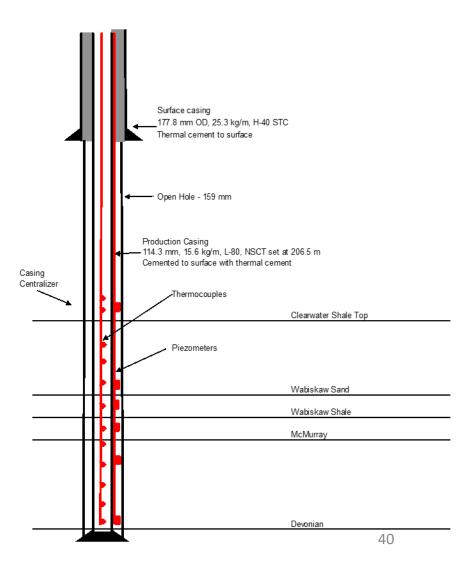
- 6 Vertical, Nested Observation Wells:
  - Pressure and temperature measurements extending from McMurray to Clearwater Formations
  - 10-18 and12-18 wells have experienced 1 TC failure each. 5-18 has experienced 4 TC failures.
- Horizontal Observation Well:
  - Wabiskaw Member
  - Temperature/Pressure measurements



Well	Temperature	Pressure
AB/2-18-91-14W4	12 temperature points	6 pressure points
AB/4-18-91-14W4	12 temperature points	6 pressure points
AB/5-18-91-14W4	12 temperature points	6 pressure points
AA/7-18-91-14W4	11 temperature points	5 pressure points
AB/10-18-91-14W4	12 temperature points	6 pressure points
AA/12-18-91-14W4	12 temperature points	6 pressure points
09/10-18-914-14W4	High Temperature Fibre	

- 12 thermocouples spaced between the Base of McMurray to Clearwater
- 6 piezometers spaced between Base of McMurray to Clearwater
- Instrumentation strapped to outside of casing string



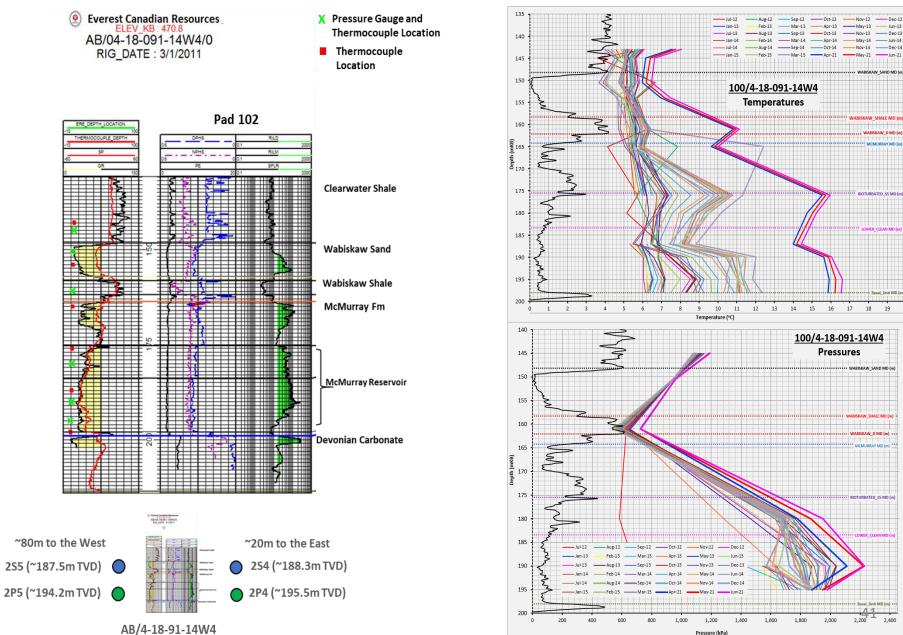




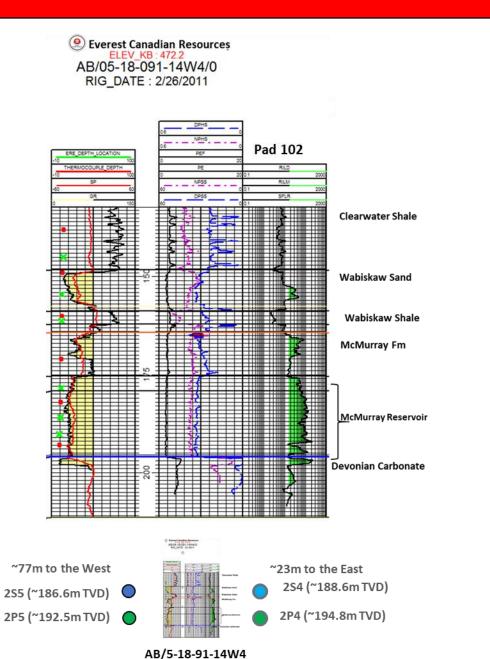


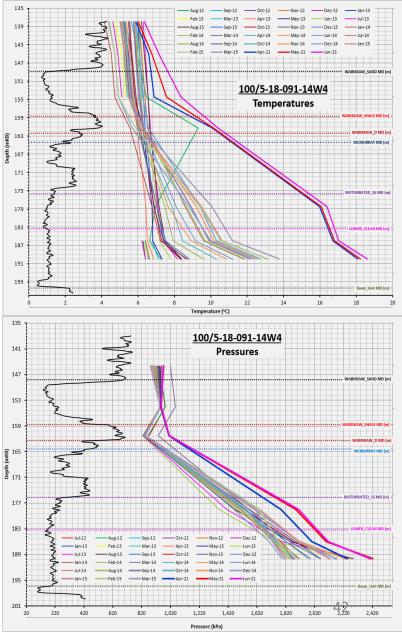
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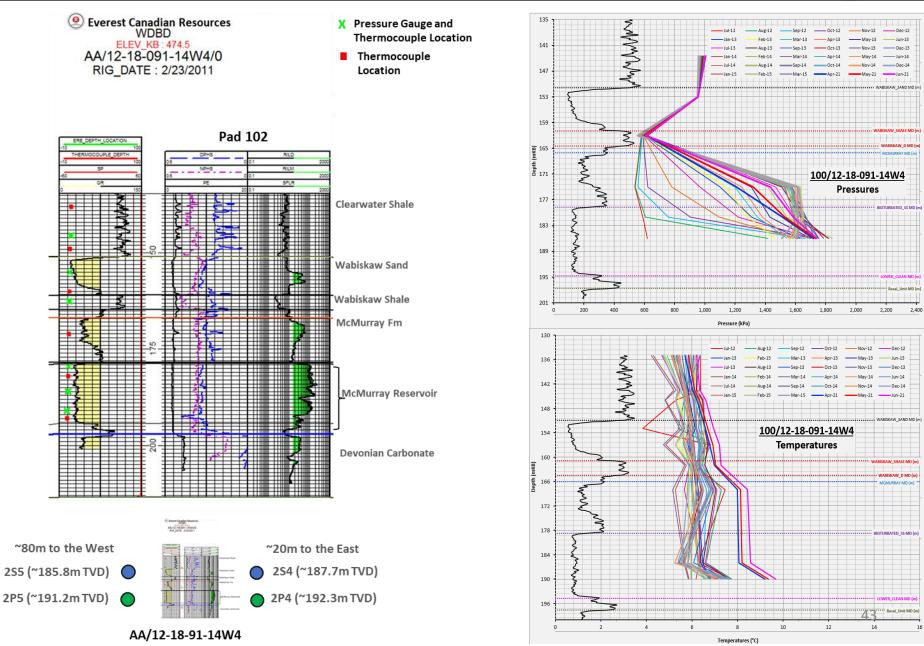


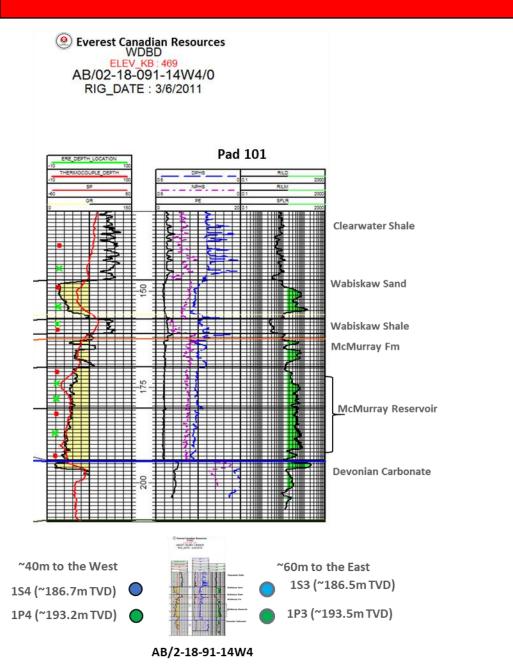


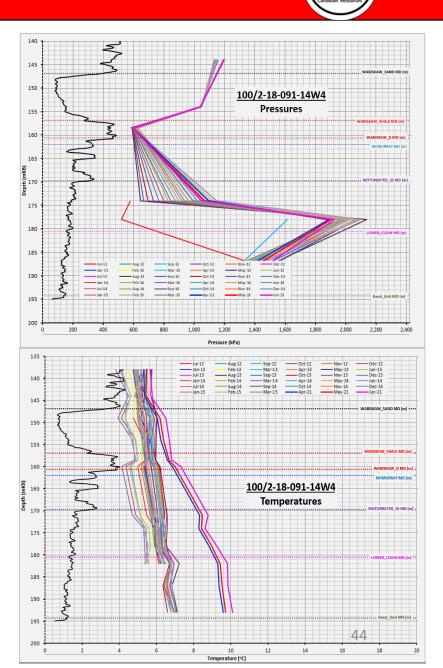




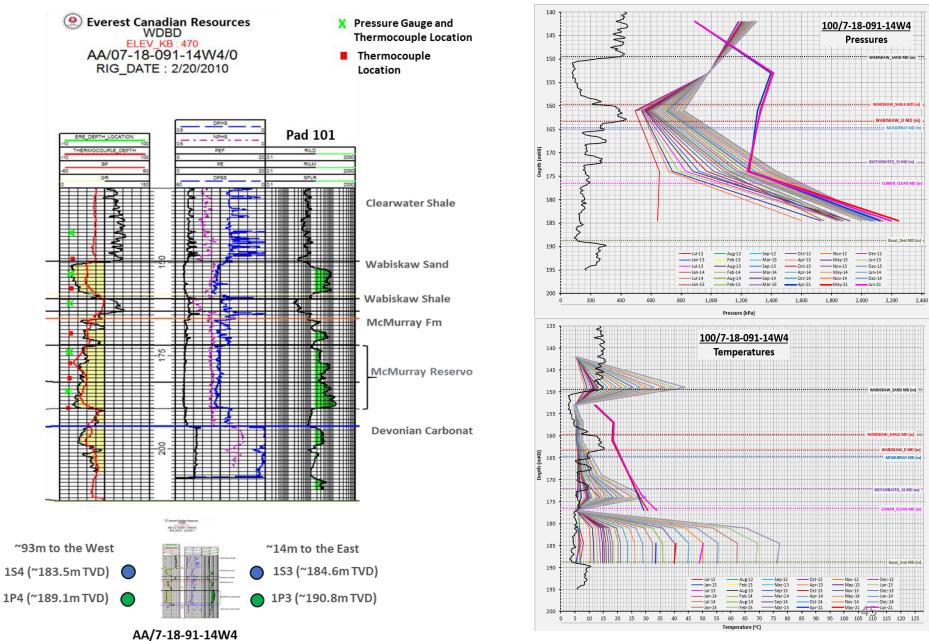


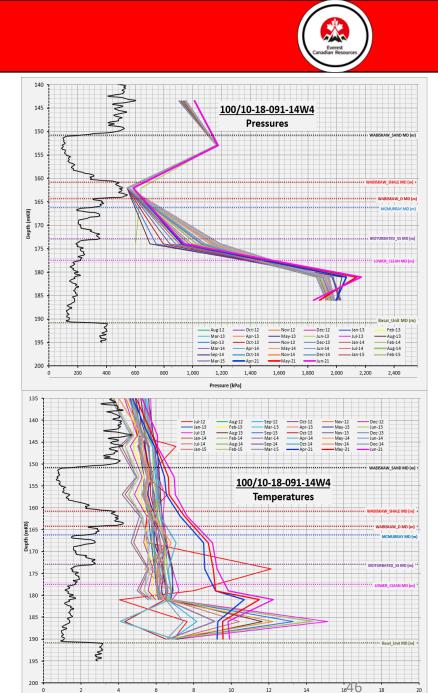




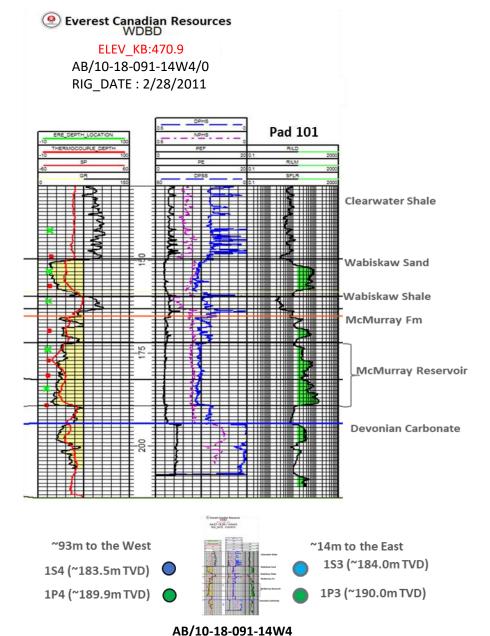






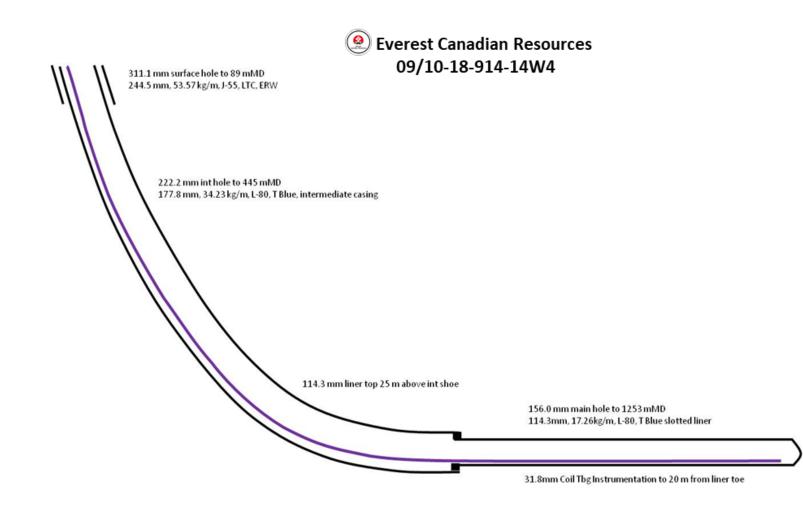


Temperature (°C)



# HORIZONTAL WABISKAW OBSERVATION WELL

Horizontal observation well designed and drilled in Wabiskaw formation for potential future production from zone





# **SCHEME PERFORMANCE**



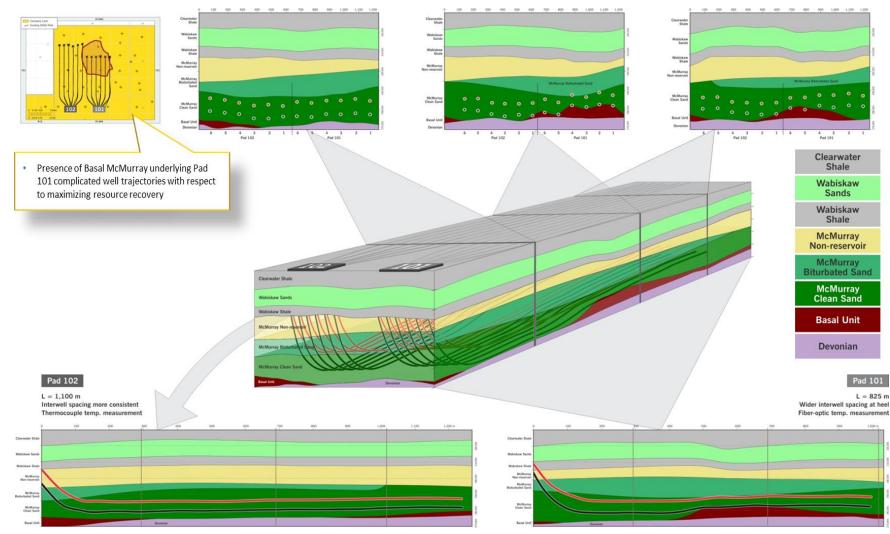




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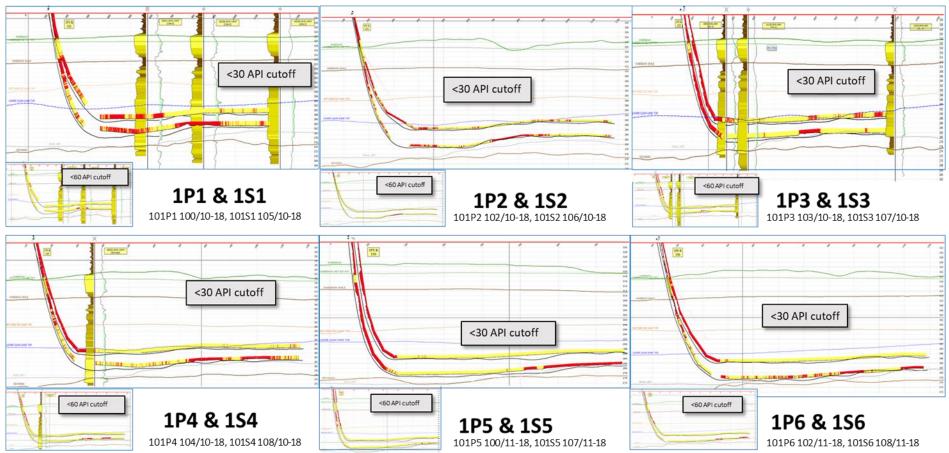


#### Pad 101 and 102 Schematic Sections



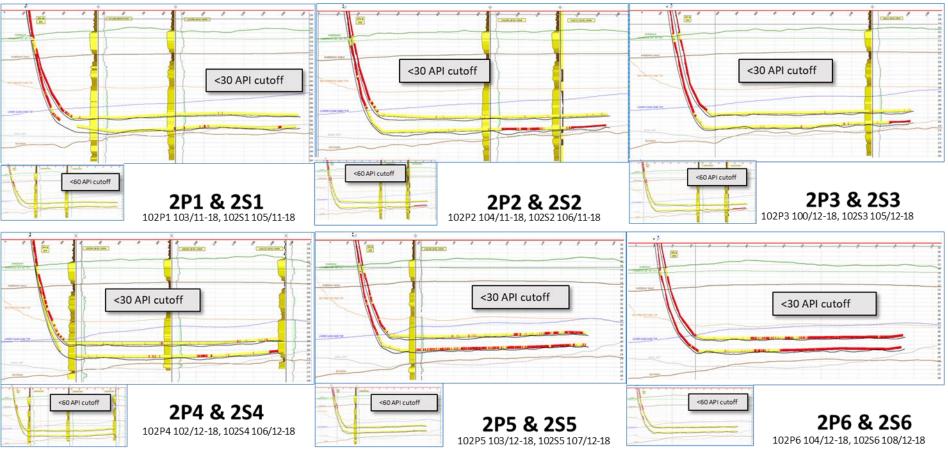


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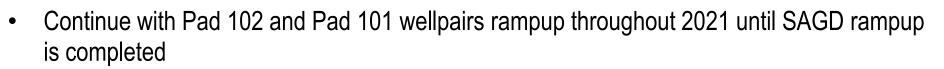
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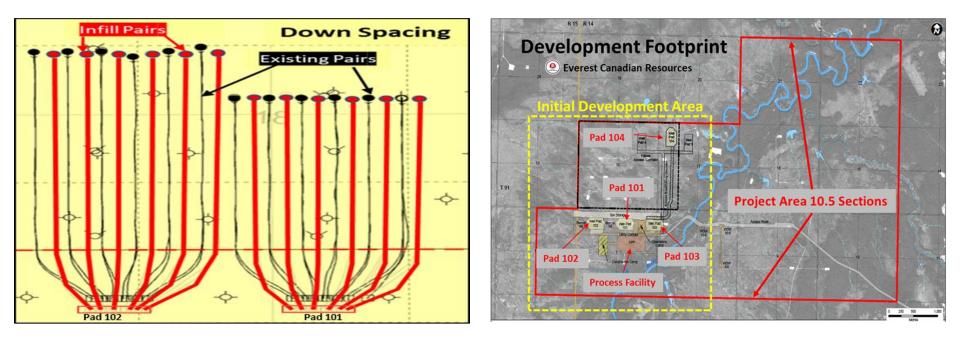
- Pad 102 was started September 2020
- Pad 101 was started early February 2021.



# **SUBSURFACE FUTURE PLANS**



- Drilling Plans Medium to Long Term
  - Pads 101 and 102 Downspacing
    - Down-spacing amendment application fully approved by AER
    - Capacity for 12 additional well pairs (infills) on existing Pads 101 and 102
  - Pads 103 and 104 are currently approved (with 100 m spacing/Six Pairs), an amendment will be submitted to the AER to reduce spacing increase well count



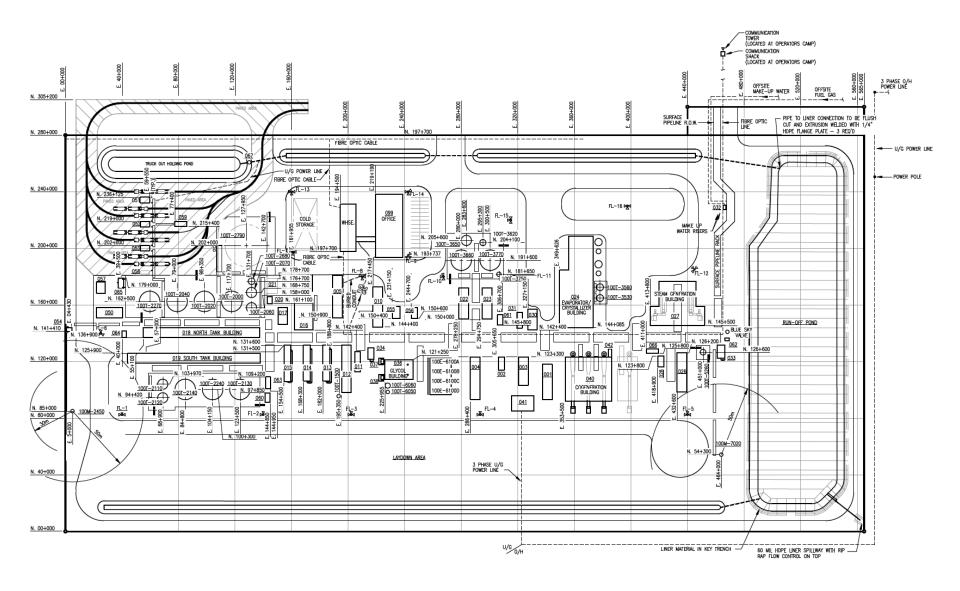


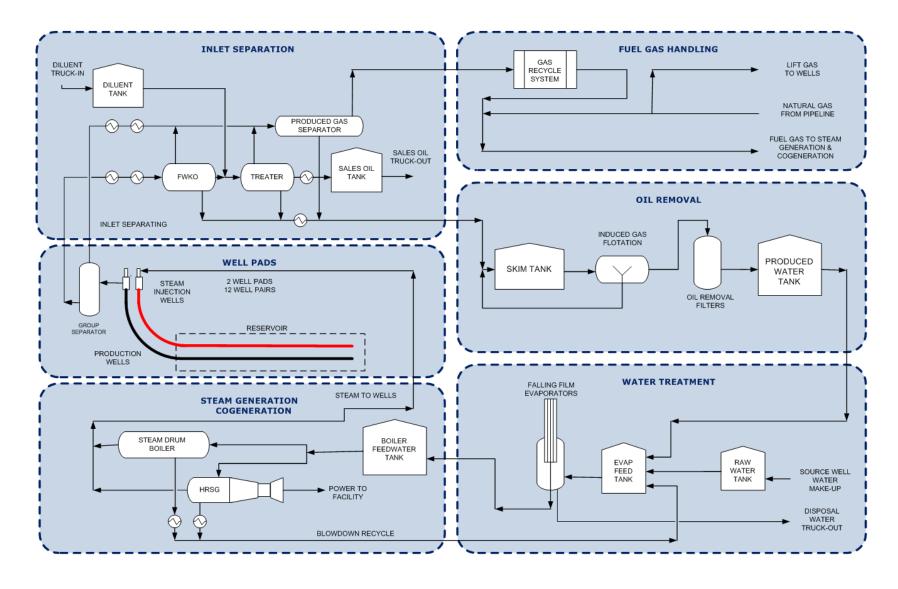
# **SURFACE OPERATIONS**



## **CENTRAL PROCESSING FACILITY PLOT PLAN**







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- General
  - Everest's current EPEA expires on October 30, 2021 and a new EPEA approval is currently being worked on.
  - MARP approved: No updates
  - EPAP Declaration time-line
    - Company becomes Operator of Record on June 2020 and chooses March as the Declaration month.
    - Trial year: June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021
    - Official Declaration period: April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021
    - Annual Declaration will be submitted: Q1, 2022
  - Well Production / Injection Volumes
    - Well test separator liquid meters have been reinstalled and certified
      - Well production will be prorated from bulk scheme production using intermittent test data via dedicated test separators on Pads 101 (5 pairs) and 102 (6 pairs).
      - Wells will meet or exceed the current minimum well test requirements per Directive 17
      - Manual samples will be taken to determine bitumen, water, solids and chloride content and have proven reliable and repeatable.



- *Water Act* licence amendment No. 00262149-02-00 was granted on April 06, 2020 extending the licence expiry date to April 5, 2025
- Fresh Water Uses make-up water for the project to be drawn from the McKay Channel Empress Formation. Details on the Water Act license are as follows:

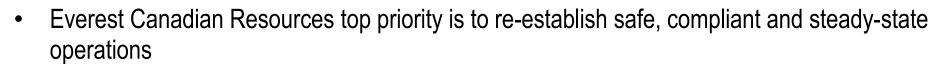
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8-8-91-14-W4M	853 m³/ day	
16-8-91-14-W4M	2,401 m³/ day	
15-8-91-14-W4M	2,475 m³/ day	
Daily Maximum Diversion	5,729 m³/ day	
Annual Maximum Diversion	419,750 m <sup>3</sup>	



- EPEA Approvals all main approvals have been transferred to Everest:
  - EPEA Approval 255245-00-00
  - EPEA Approval 255245-00-01
  - EPEA Approval 255245-00-02
  - EPEA Approval 287052-00-00
- Water Act Diversion Licence Amended No. 00262149-02-00 extended to April 5, 2025 no compliance issues



- EPEA approval 287052-00-00 (Wastewater System)
  - We are currently using holding tanks for our sewage and having it trucked off site for disposal.
  - An extension(File No. 287052-00-03, Application No. 005-287052) has been issued on April 28, 2021 and the expiry is extended to May 1, 2022.



- Plans include but not limited to:
  - CPF
    - Pursue optimization opportunities
  - Wellpads
    - Wellpad 102 → Continue with optimization and complete SAGD rampup
    - Wellpad 101  $\rightarrow$  Continue with optimization and complete SAGD rampup