

Informational Notice 82-4

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TO ALL MANITOBA OPERATORS

RE: WELL CLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE OF WELL INFORMATION

All wells licensed after July 1, 1982, will be classified at the time of licensing and well information from such wells will be released in accordance with the following policy:

Well classification:

1. Development Well

Any well located one half mile or less (measured from the center of the respective spacing units) from a well which has been cased for production *(the associated well) and has a projected total depth in the same formation as that of the associated well or shallower.

2. Exploratory Wells

a) Deeper Pool Wildcat

Any well located one half mile or less (measured from the center of the respective spacing units) from a well which has been cased for production *(the associated well) and has a projected depth in a deeper formation than that of the associated well.

b) Exploratory Outpost

Any well which is not a Development Well or a Deeper Pool Wildcat and is located one mile or less (measured from the center of the respective spacing units) from a well which has been cased for production.*

c) New Field Wildcat

Any well which is located greater than one mile (measured from the center of the respective spacing units) from a well which has been cased for production.*

d) Stratigraphic Test

A hole that is drilled for the purpose of acquiring only stratigraphic information.

- Does not include wells which were subsequently abandoned 'dry' or converted to service wells without being placed on production.

Release of Well Information

1. Development Well

- a) If the associated well is non-confidential, all information will be released thirty days following the finished drilling date.
- b) If the associated well is confidential, all information will be released on the same date as that of the associated well or thirty days following the finished drilling date, whichever is later.
- c) If the operator completes the well in a pool other than that on which the associated well is completed, the well may be considered a discovery well and all information will be release one year following the finished drilling date. If the well is subsequently completed in the same pool as that of the associated well, conditions a) or b) would again apply.

2. Exploratory Wells

- a) Deeper Pool Wildcat
 - All information down to the base of the producing formation in the associated well will be subject to the same conditions as those for a Development Well.
 - All other information will be released one year following the finished drilling date.
- b) Exploratory Outpost
 - All information will be released one year following the finished drilling date.
- c) New Field Wildcat
 - All information will be released one year following the finished drilling date.
- d) Stratigraphic Test
 - All information well be released one year following the finished drilling date.

The above guidelines will cover most drilling situations encountered. Where special circumstances exist, the final decision on well classification and release of well information will be made within the Department.

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