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TO: ALL LICENSEES

2009 ANNUAL GAS PRESSURE SURVEY SCHEDULE FOR SELF-DECLARED COMMINGLED WELLS

The annual survey schedule is now available on the ERCB website, detailing the gas wells requiring subsurface pressure survey measurements. Licensees are reminded that the **purpose** of this program is to obtain accurate estimates of stabilized shut-in reservoir pressure for these wells, and all surveys are to be conducted in accordance with the ERCB Directive 040 (D-040), *Pressure and Deliverability Testing Oil and Gas Wells*. Please be aware that due to the timing of capture and submission of annual data, the next update following the February 2009 version, will take place after June 1.

Operators' Responsibilities:

As defined in section 4.5.10.2 in D-040: Licensees are **required** to conduct annual pressures on all self-declared commingled gas wells that initially produced more than $50 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3/\text{operating day}$. This requirement does not change when the total well rate drops to or below $50 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3/\text{operating day}$. Further, please be reminded that there will be no exemption or waiver requests accepted with respect to these requirements.

Compliance to Well Test Requirements:

The ERCB will continue to enforce all well test requirements in a fair and equitable manner in an effort to ensure that needed information is obtained and to create a level playing field for all operators. The steps for dealing with non-compliance issues are detailed in ERCB Directive 019. Annual pressure surveys required in 2009 must be **conducted** by year-end (December 31) and **submitted** as per section 4.9.1 of D-040.

Further note, it is hoped that with the subject schedule being compiled and issued at this time, all licensees may be able to take advantage of conducting any survey in winter access areas as early as possible to avoid any delays due to break-ups.

Please ensure all current well tests are submitted via the **Well Test Capture File Upload**.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact the Welltest-Helpline@ercb.ca. With respect to requesting exemption or waivers of the subject requirements, please contact Ashley.Bilinski@ercb.ca of the Resources Applications Group.