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To: All Gas and In Situ Oil Sands Operators

**BITUMEN CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS
ATHABASCA WABISKAW-MCMURRAY
PRESSURE DATA COLLECTION**

On July 22, 2003, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) issued *General Bulletin 2003-28* announcing the EUB's conservation requirements respecting gas production from the Wabiskaw-McMurray in the Athabasca Oil Sands Area. This included a requirement that pressure surveys be conducted and submitted by November 1, 2003, from the greater of one well or 25 per cent of the wells in each EUB designated Wabiskaw-McMurray gas pool within or overlapping the new Wabiskaw-McMurray application area.

The EUB has received a request to clarify the number of pressure surveys required for commingled pools. The concern raised is that the total well count for commingled pools may include wells that are not completed in a Wabiskaw-McMurray pool. The intent of the EUB's pressure survey requirement is to address the deficiency in pressure data for gas wells completed in the Wabiskaw-McMurray. Therefore, the total well count for a pool should be based on the number of wells completed in EUB designated Wabiskaw-McMurray gas pools and not the total number of wells in the commingled production entity.

Questions respecting this matter may be directed to Ken Schuldhaus at (403) 297-3572.

Yours truly,

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