

Canadian Natural Annual ERCB Performance Presentation

In Situ Oil Sands Schemes
9673 / 10147 / 10423 / 10787

March 3, 2011

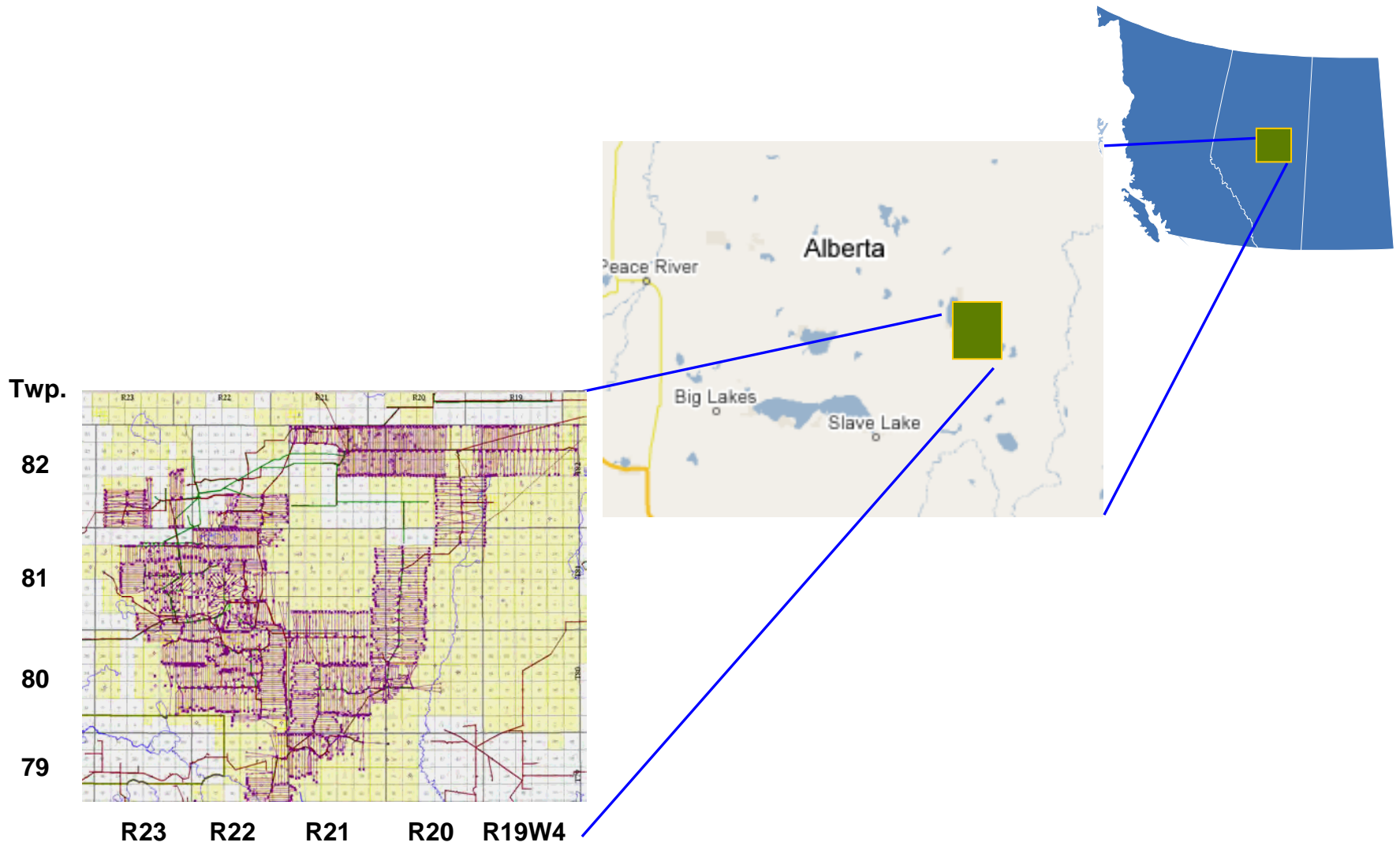
Agenda



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- **Current Approvals**
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- **Injection Pressures**
- **Cap Rock Integrity**
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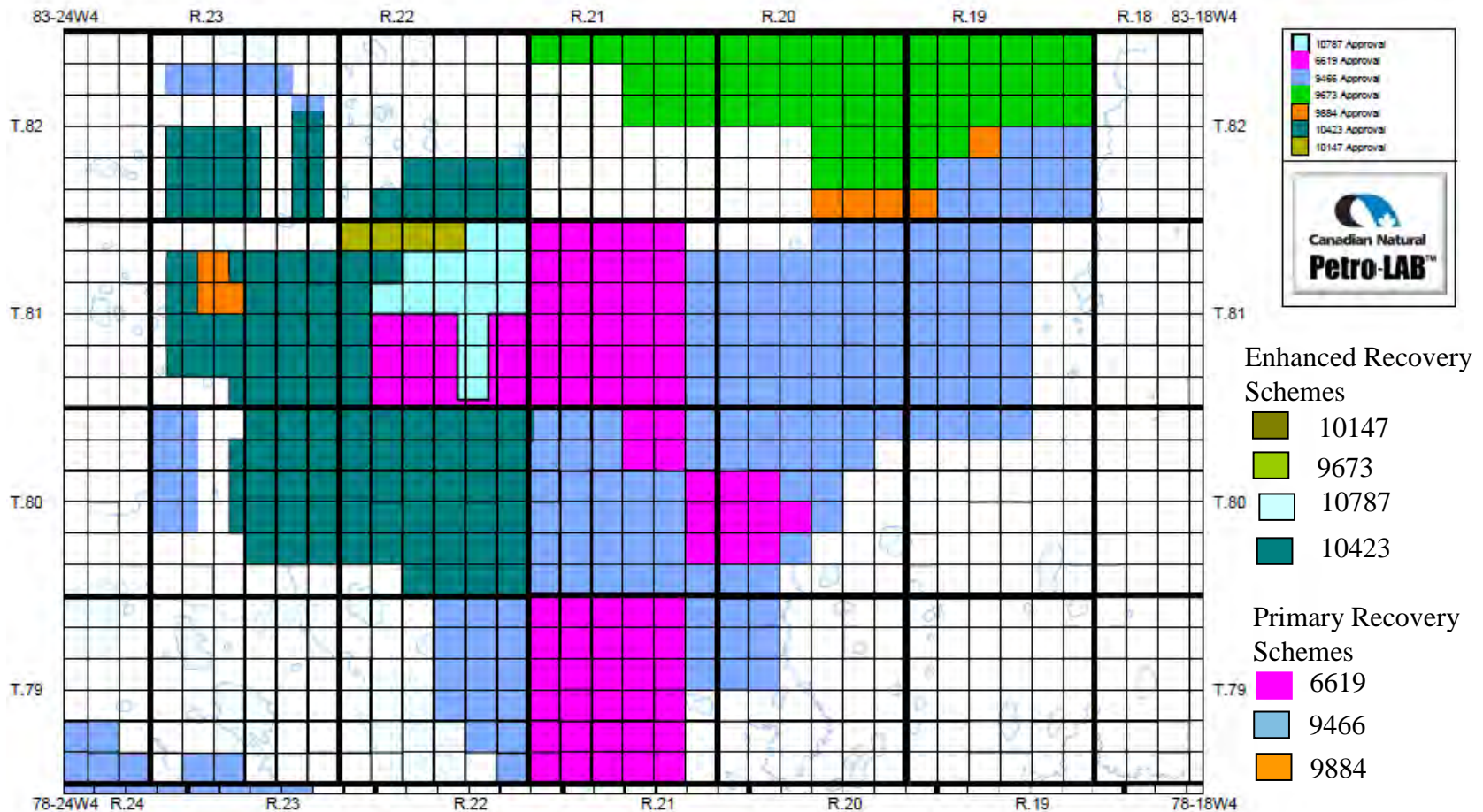
Brintnell Location



Primary and Enhanced Approvals



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Brintnell Approved Areas

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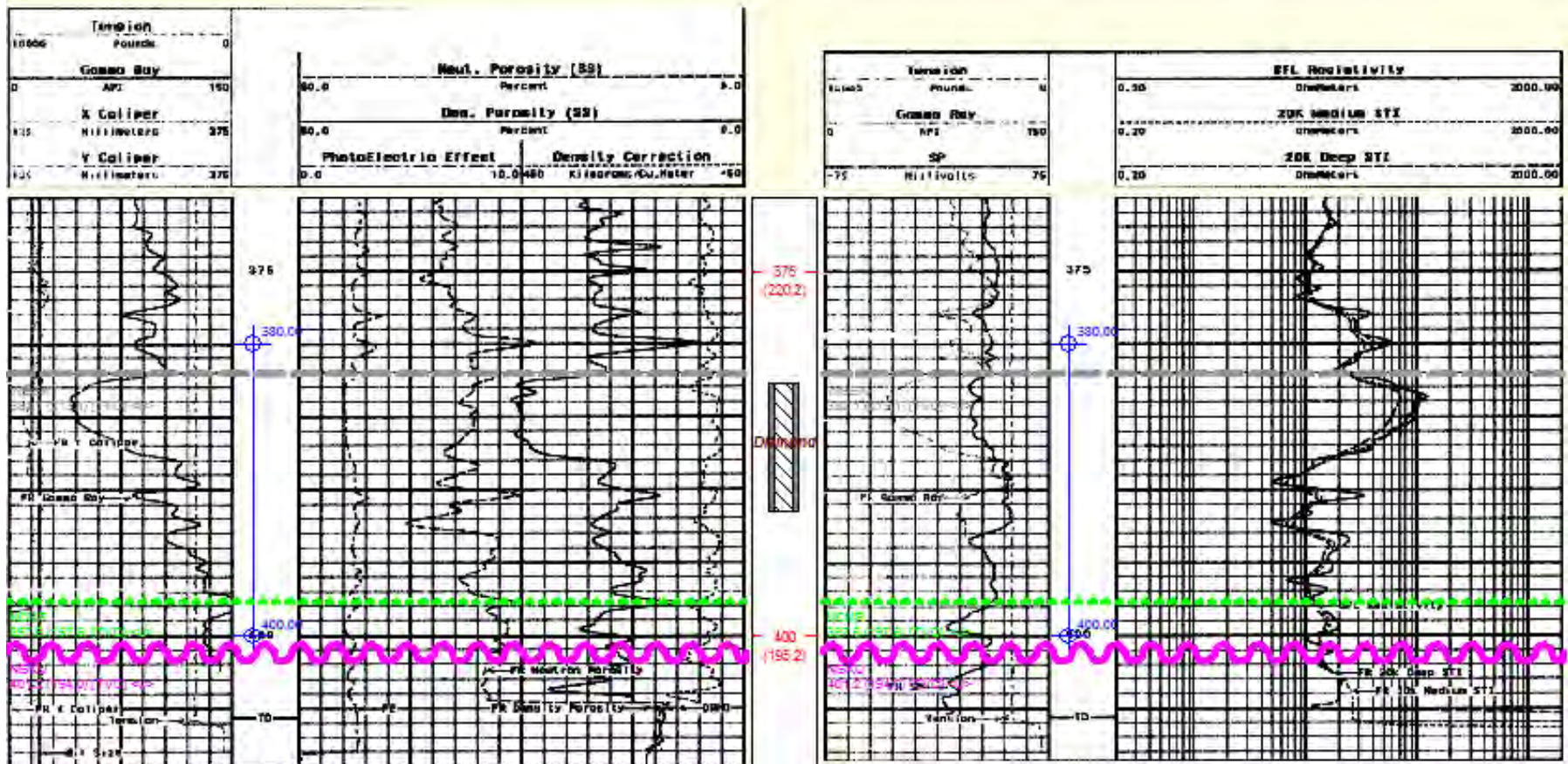
▪ Upper Wabiskaw Sand

- Depth of 300-425m TVD
- Net Pay Range 1 – 9m
- Porosity 28 – 32%
- Permeability 300 – 3000md
- Temperature 13-17 deg. C
- Water Saturation 30 – 40%
- Oil Viscosity (dead oil) 800 – 80,000cp @ 15 deg. C
- Initial Reservoir Pressure 1900 – 2600kpa

CNRL Brint 6-14-81-21 W4M Type Log



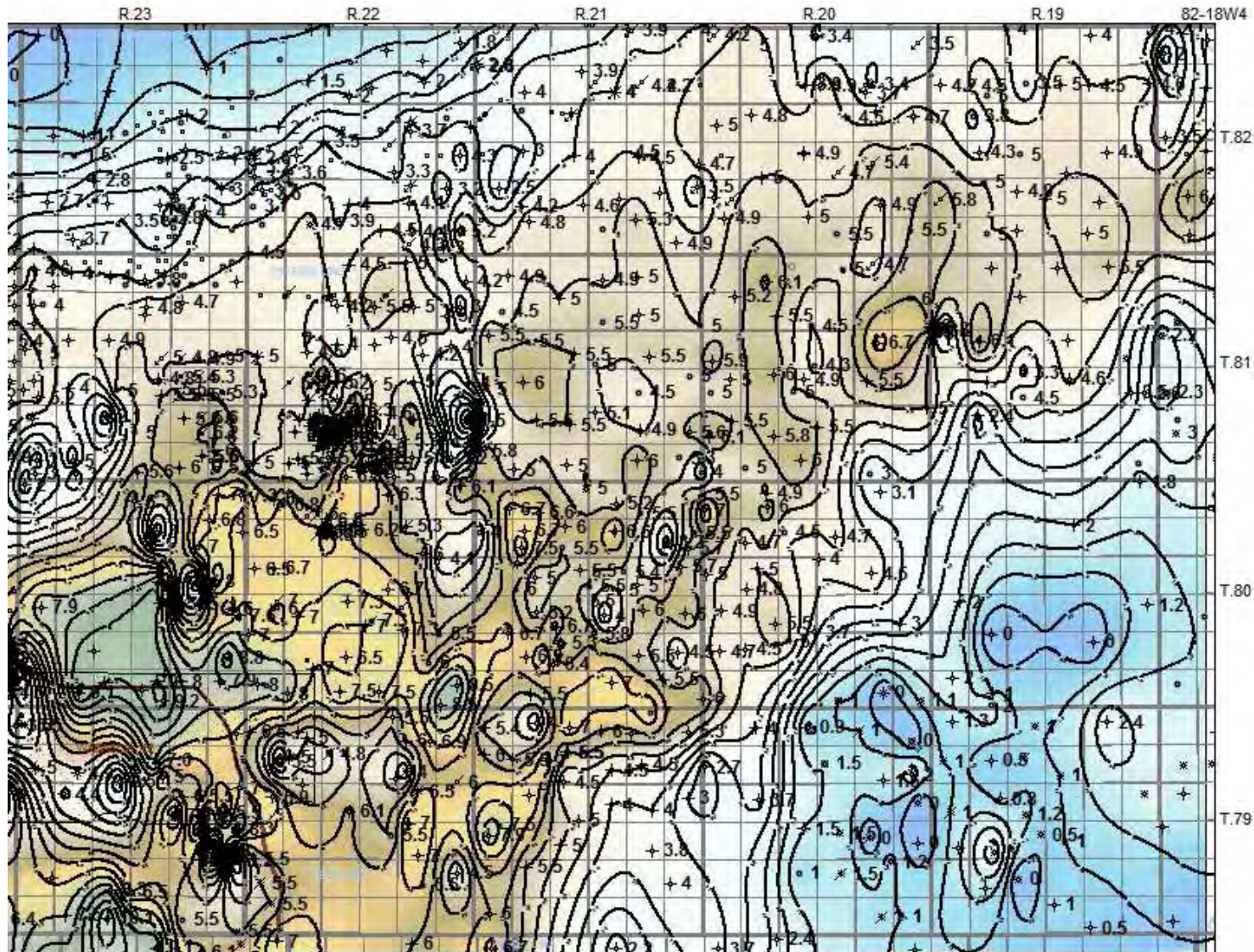
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Wabiskaw 'A' Net Pay Map



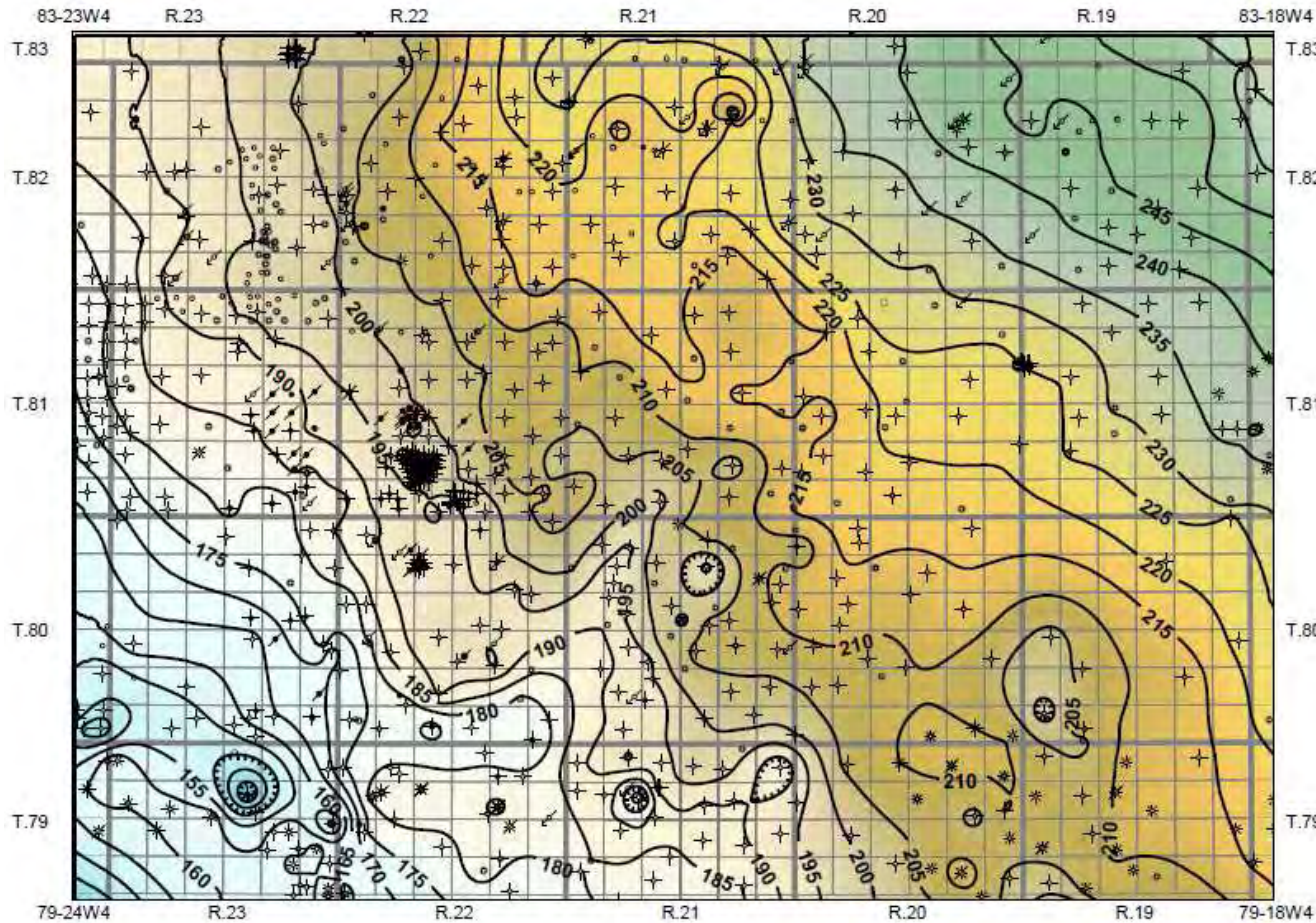
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Wabiskaw Structure Map



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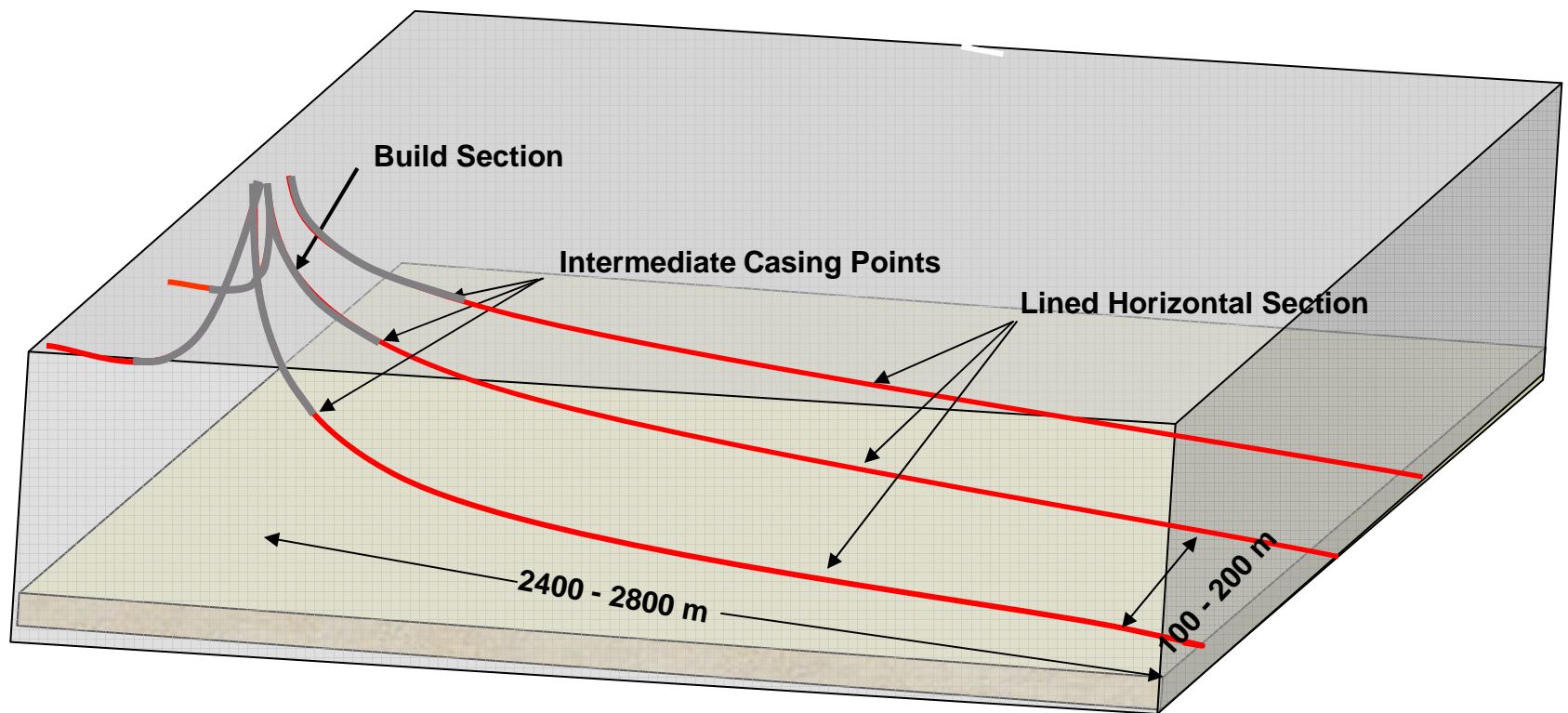
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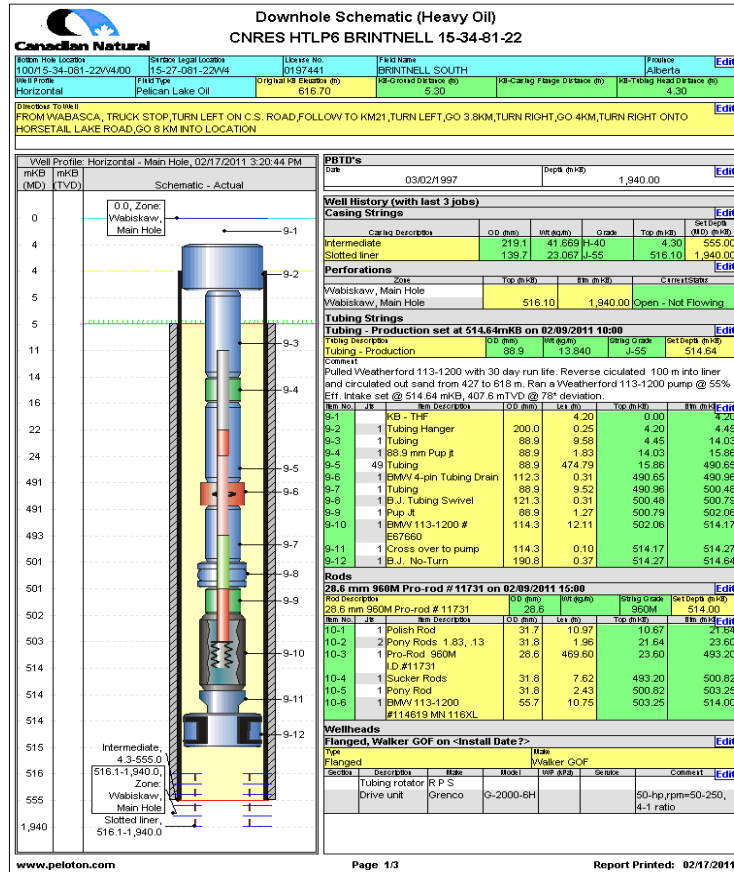
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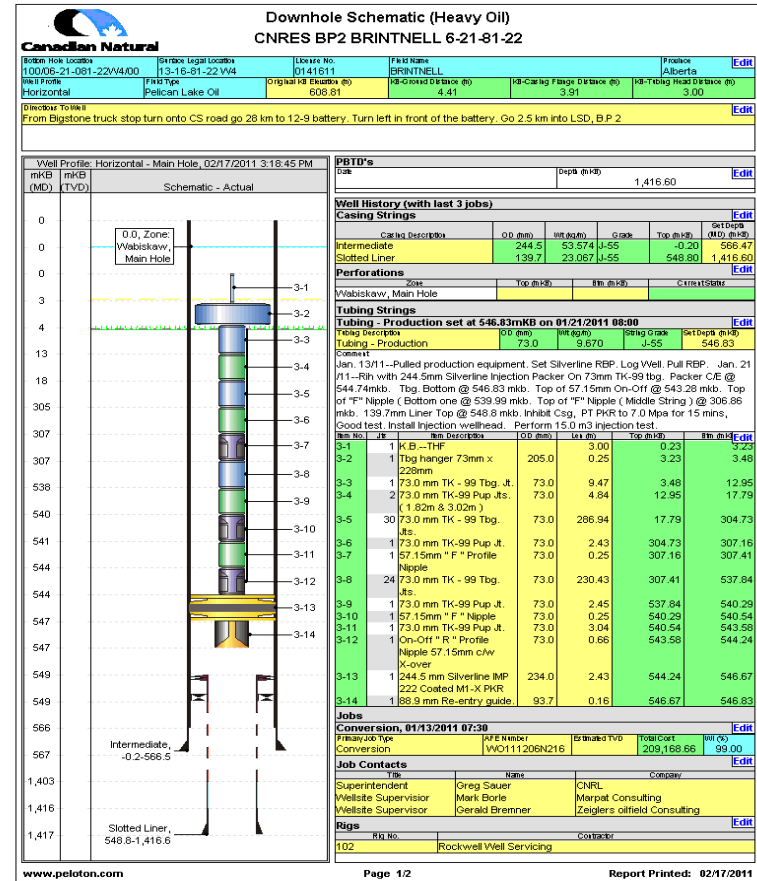
Typical Well Configurations



■ Producer



■ Injector



■ Intermediate Casing landed in Wabiskaw sand (producers and injectors).

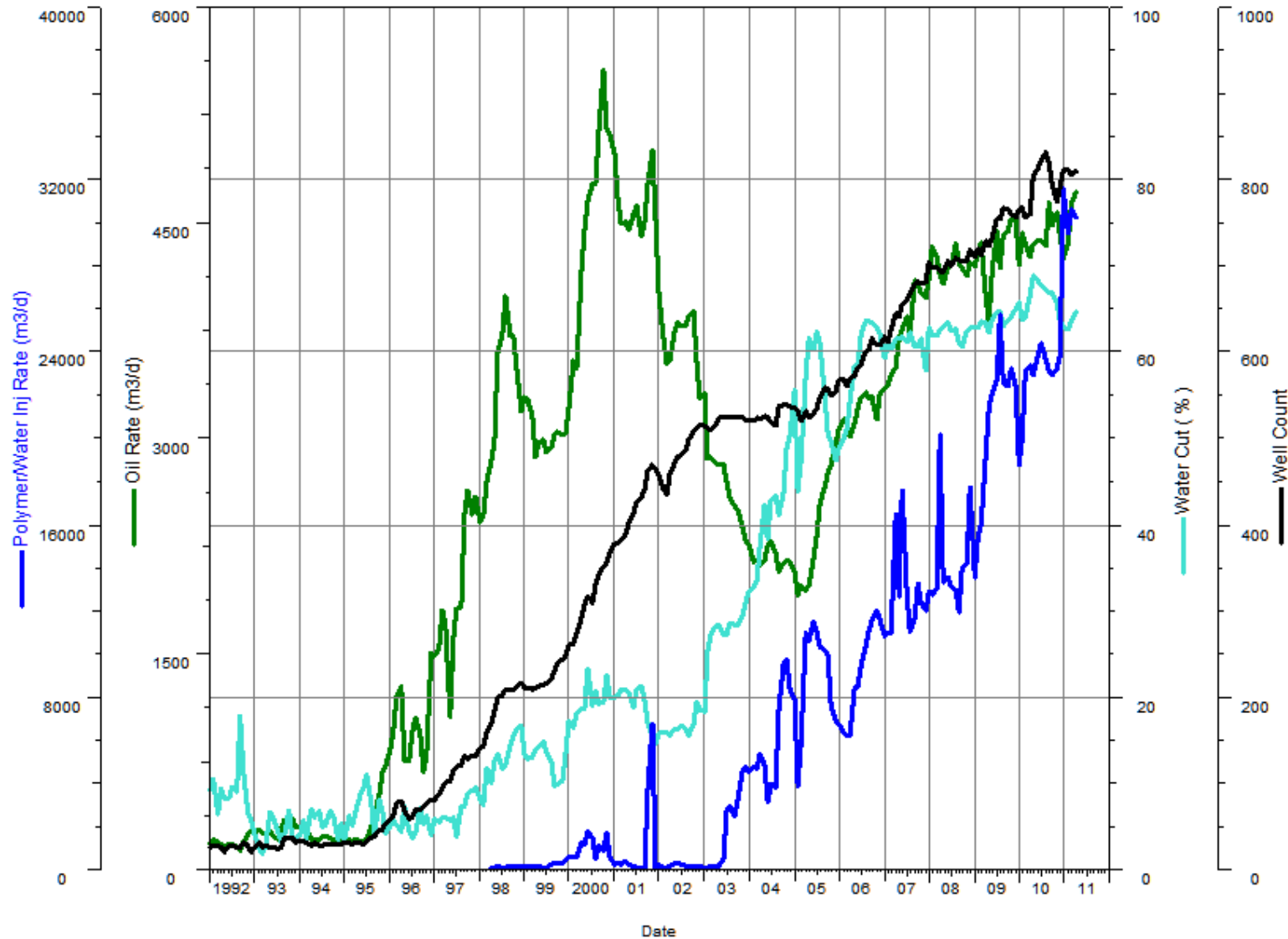


- **Flood performance prediction is based on cumulative past performance of previous flood areas.**
- **HTLP 6 was the initial pilot area and became the primary template for future prediction.**
- **Allowances for spacing, oil viscosity and well performance are incorporated.**

Total ER Scheme Production



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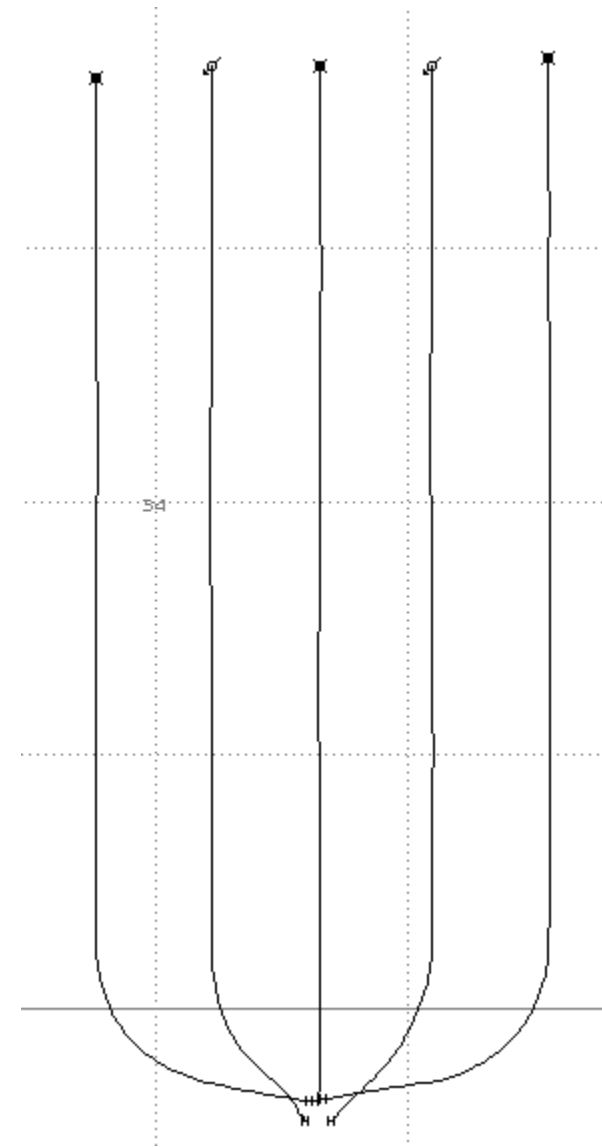


HTLP6 Polymer Pilot



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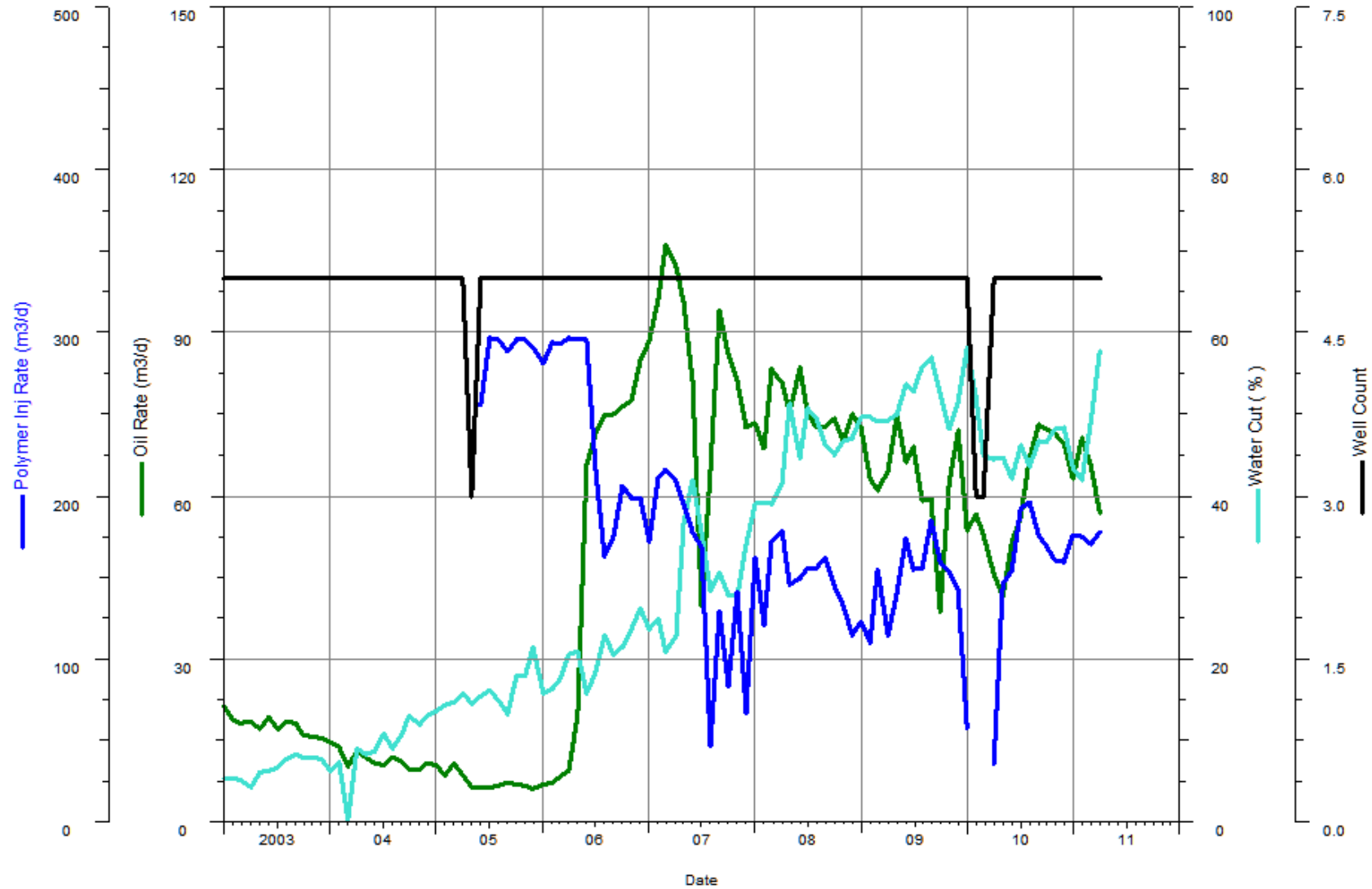
- 2 injectors 3 producers
- 1400m long lined horizontals
- 175m inter-well spacing
- Injection commenced May 2005



HTLP 6 Pilot – Part of Approval 10147



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HTLP 6 Pilot Discussion



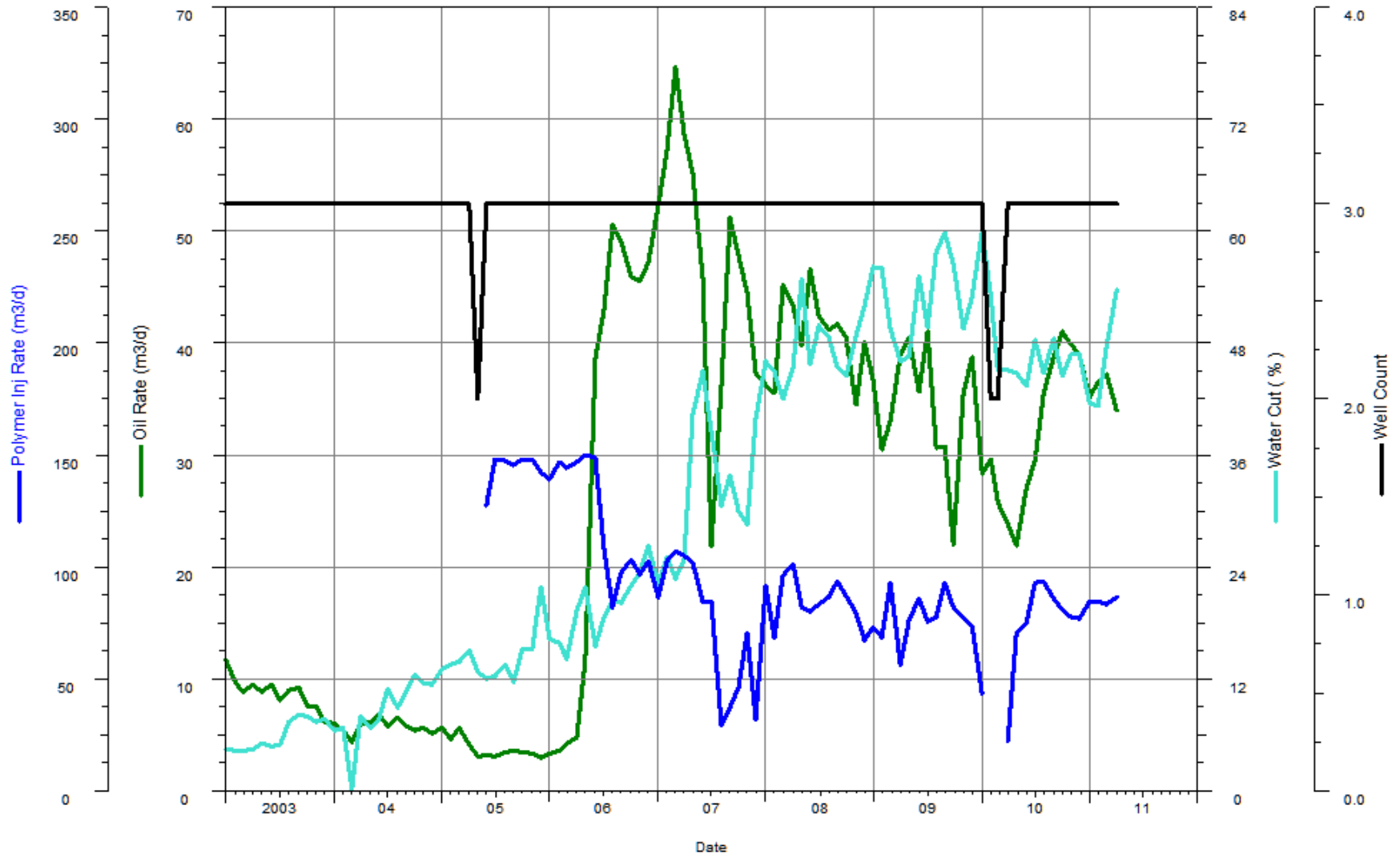
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- **First Polymer injection in May 2005**
- **Polymer Response March 2006**
- **Average Watercuts have increased, but remain less than 60%**
- **Latest incremental polymer flood recovery factor estimate is 15% - 21%**
- **Early 2010 Injection shut in to depressurize area and drill offsets**

Example Pattern - Better Performance



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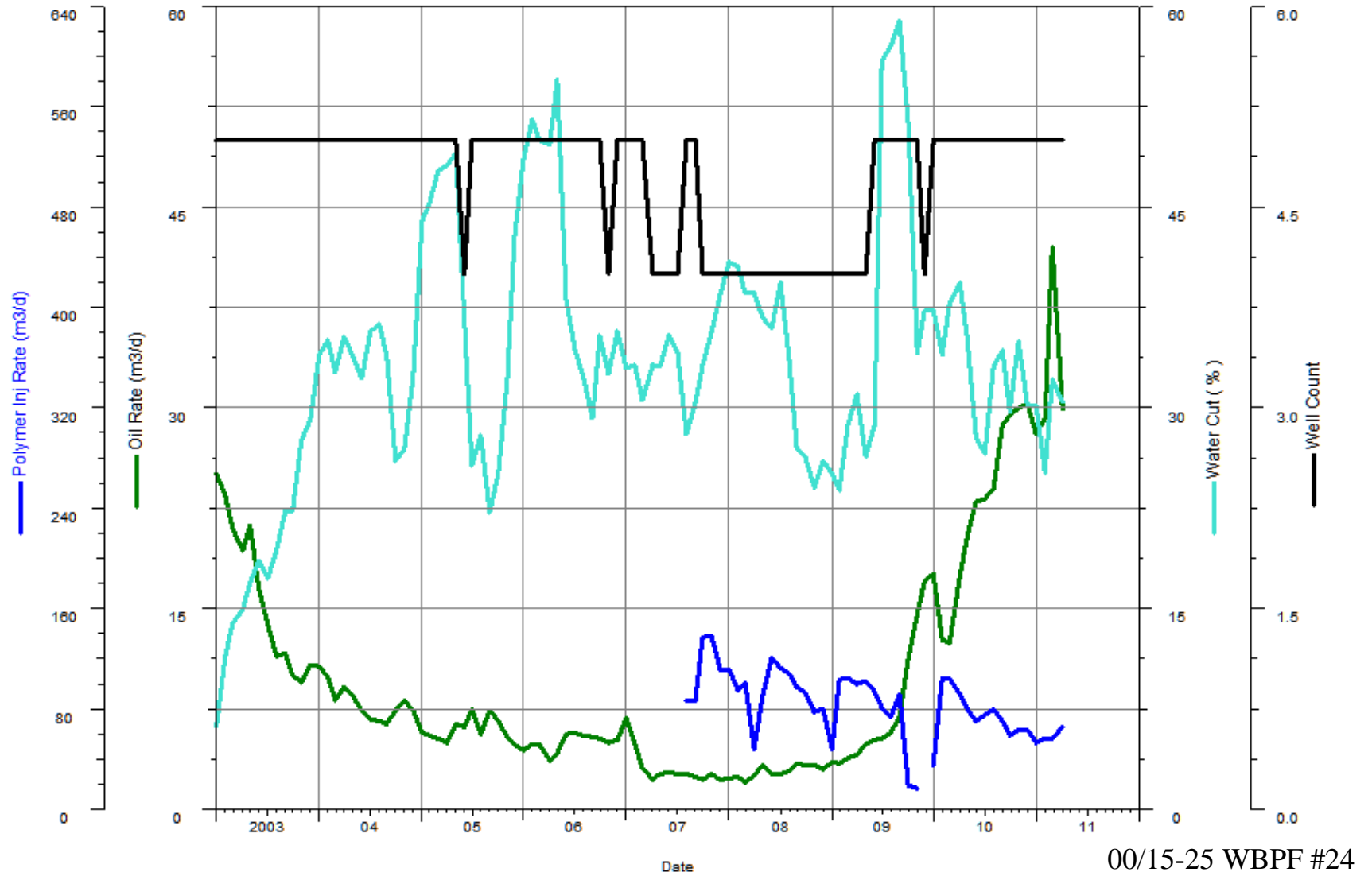


02/15-34 HTLP6

Example Pattern – Average Performance



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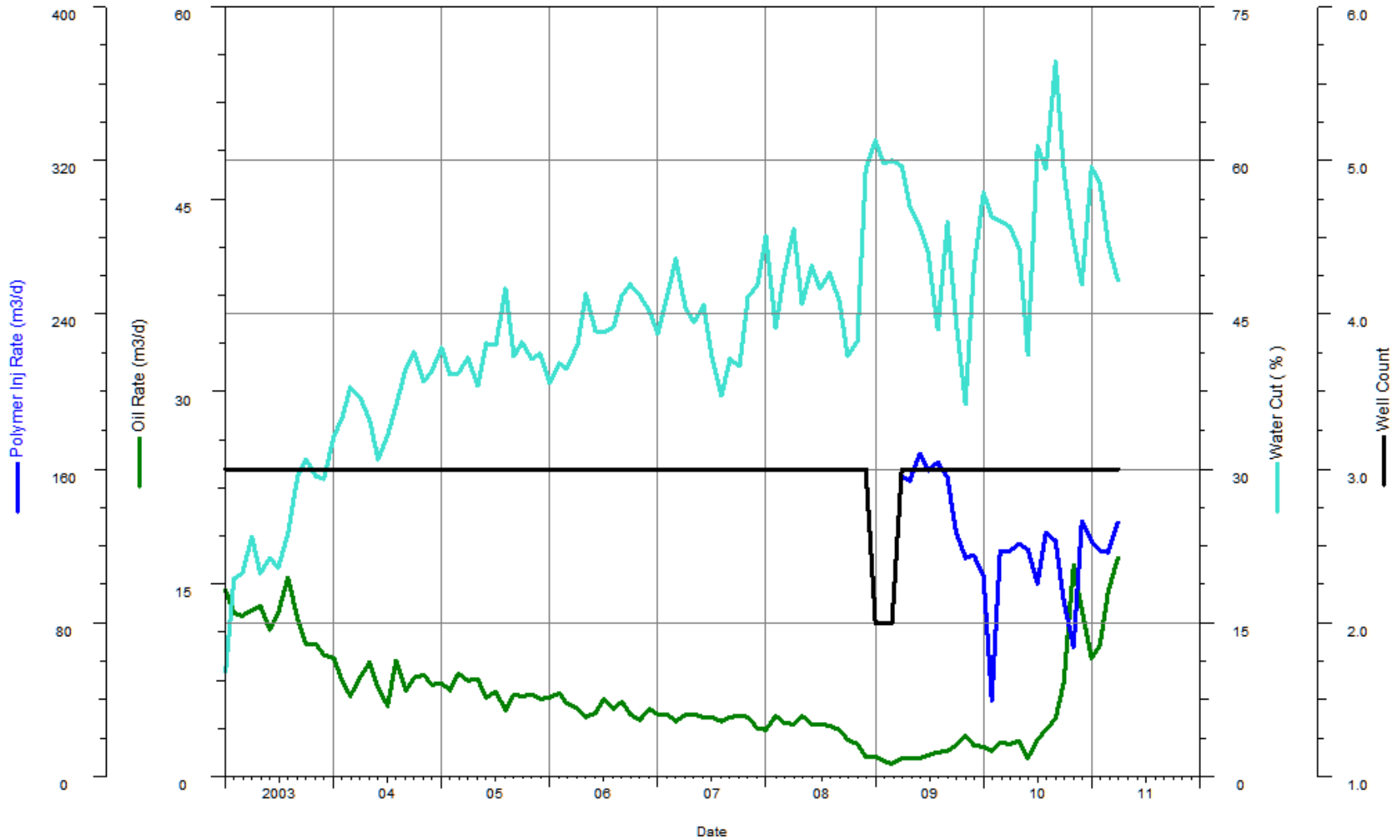


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Example Pattern - Poorer Performance



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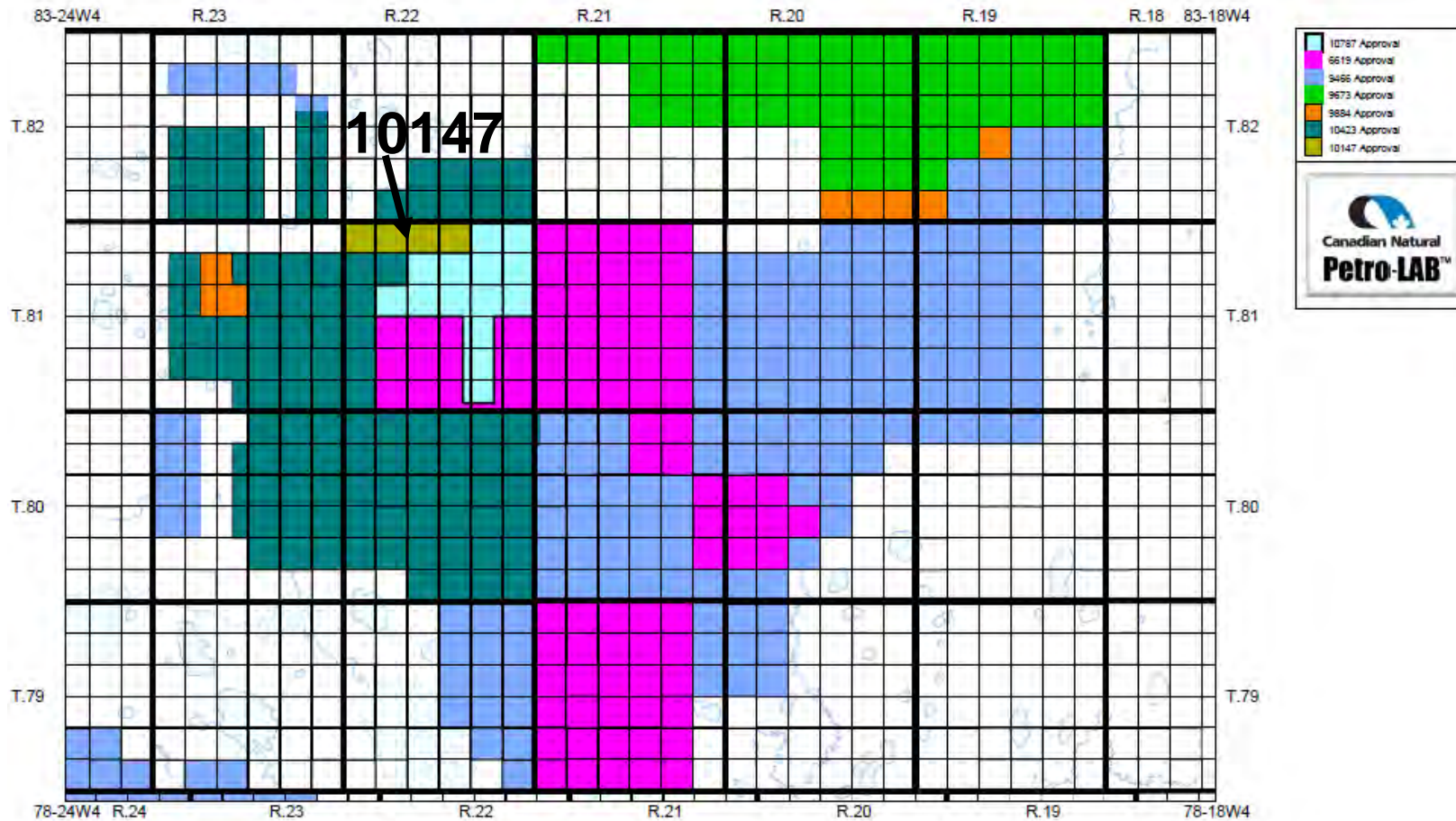


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Approval 10147



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- 10787 Approval
- 5619 Approval
- 9466 Approval
- 9873 Approval
- 8884 Approval
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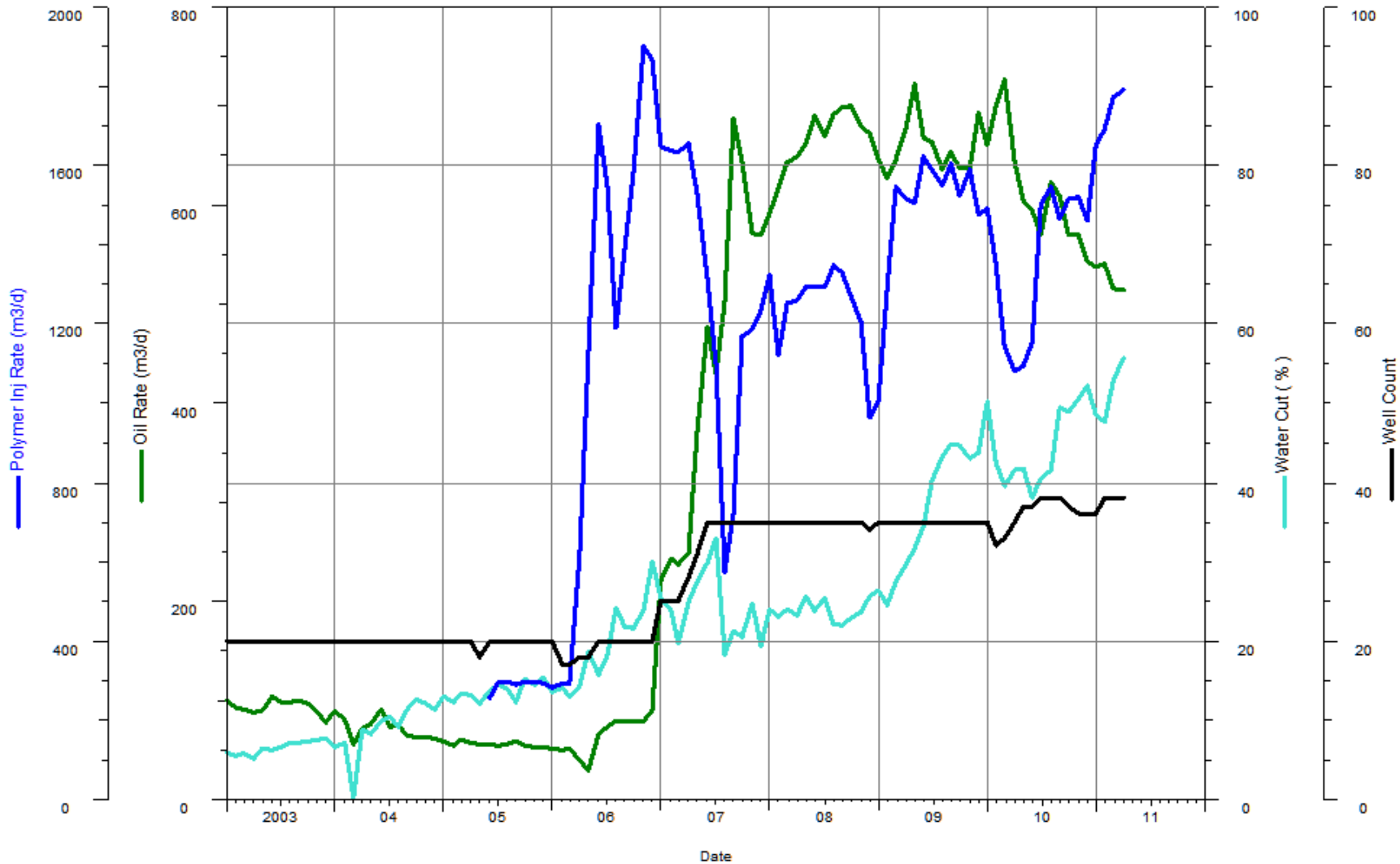
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Approval 10147 Flood Area



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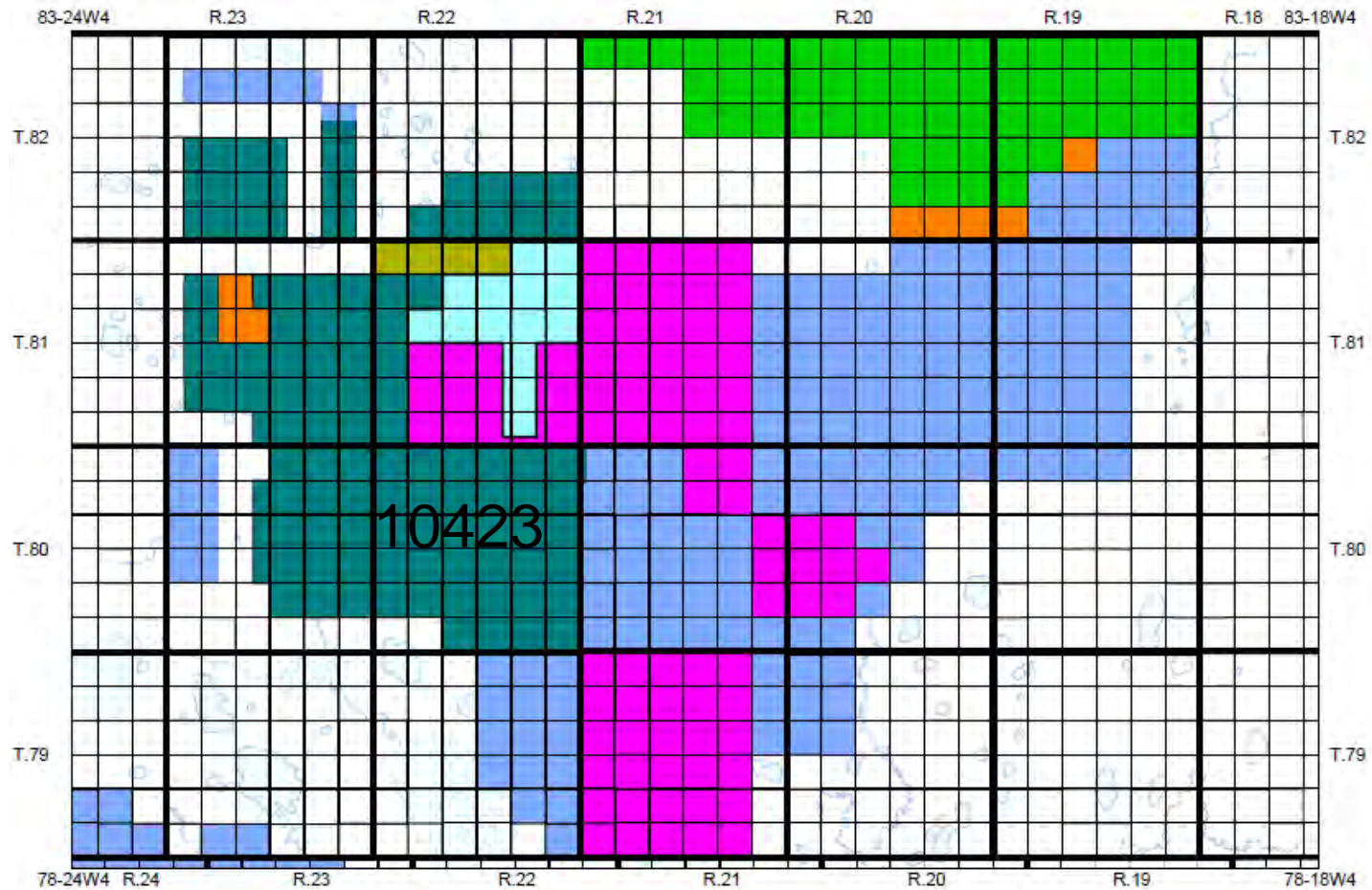


- **First Area expanded after Pilot**
- **Oil viscosity ranges 1300-2800cp**
- **Entire scheme area is currently under polymer flood**
- **Polymer Response January 2007**
- **Average Watercuts have increased over the last year to 50%**
- **Parts of the area have exceeded the results from the pilot area**
- **Cumulative oil recovered to date is 11 MMbbl**

Approval 10423



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- 10787 Approval
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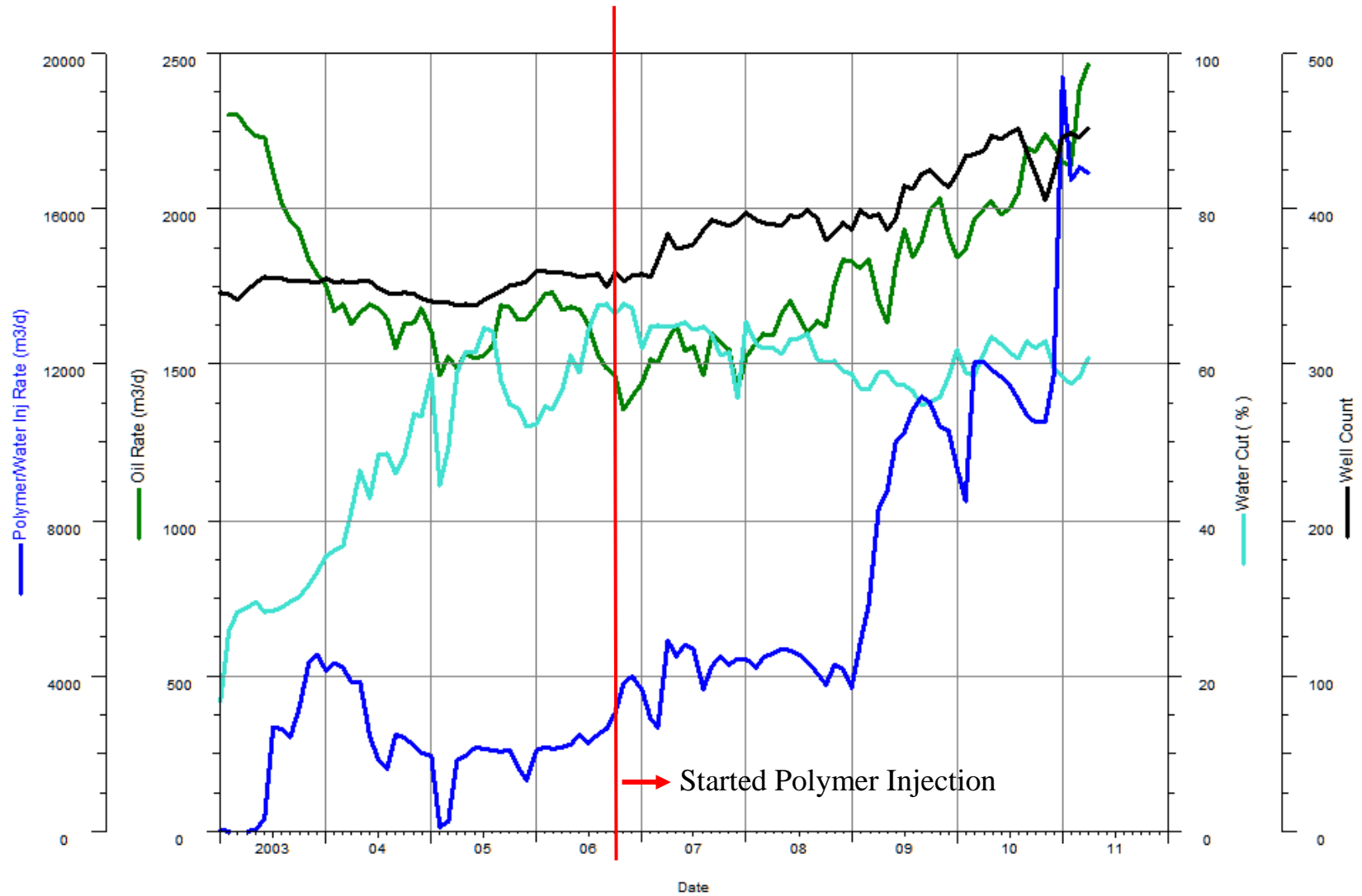
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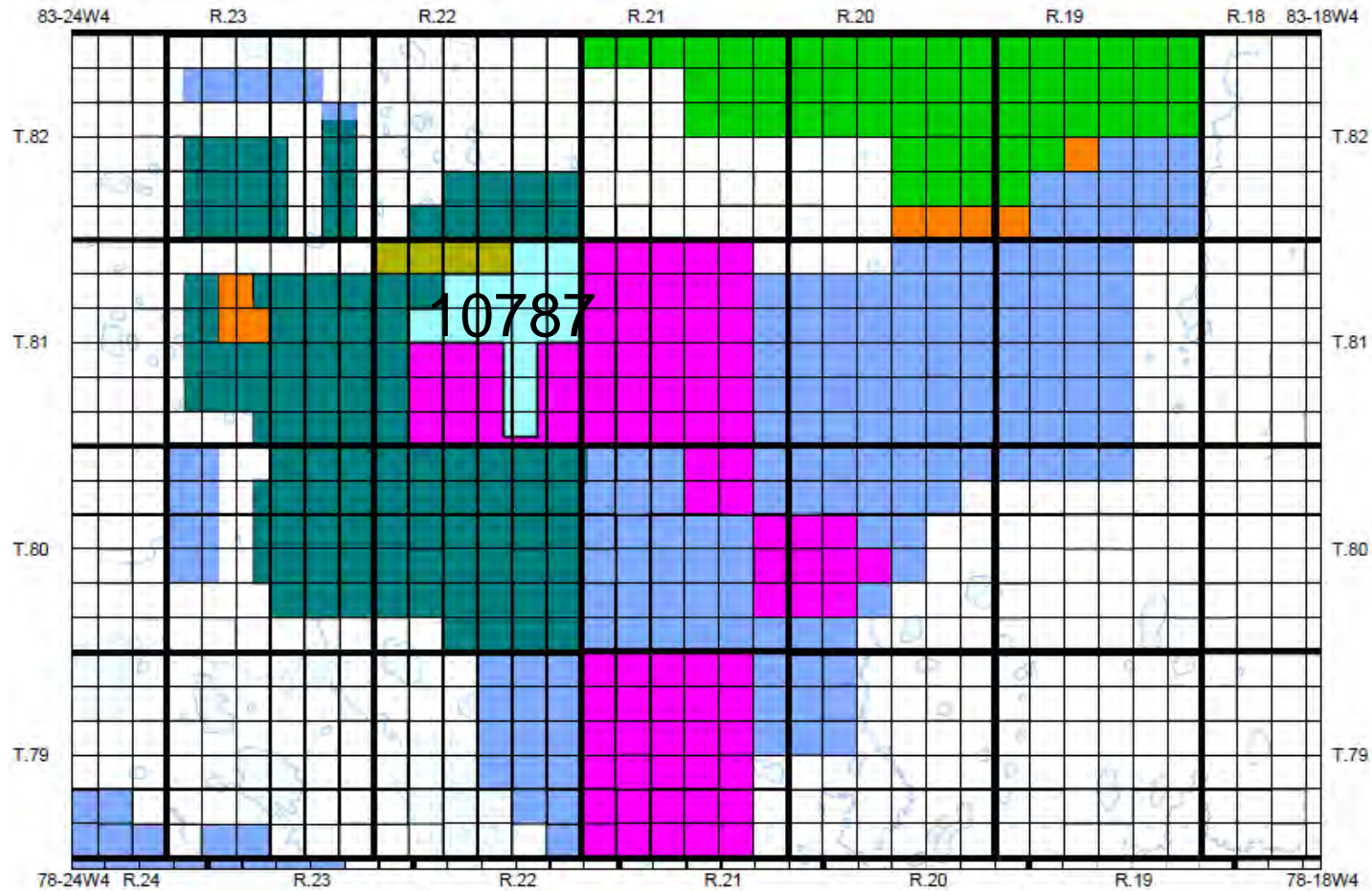


- **Polymerflood started in 2006 and has been expanded through 2010. 71% of the scheme area is currently under polymer flood with only the western side left to implement**
- **Flood response has occurred and is in varying stages based on implementation timing**
- **Oil viscosity ranges from 1,100 cp to 50,000 cp**
- **Scheme has been expanded to include 9467 Approval formerly under waterflood starting in 2003**
- **Cumulative oil recovered to date is 73 MMbbl**

Approval 10787



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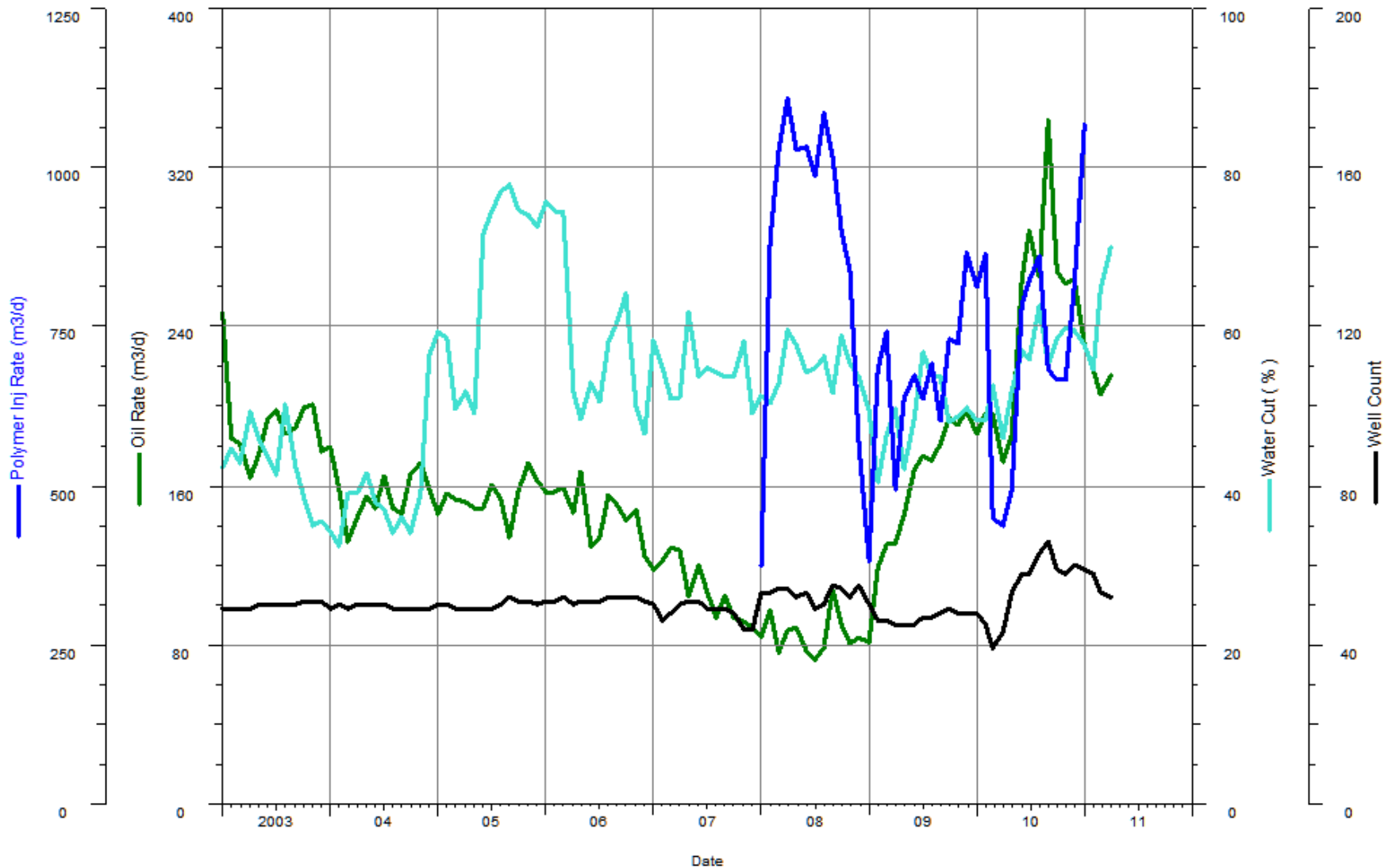
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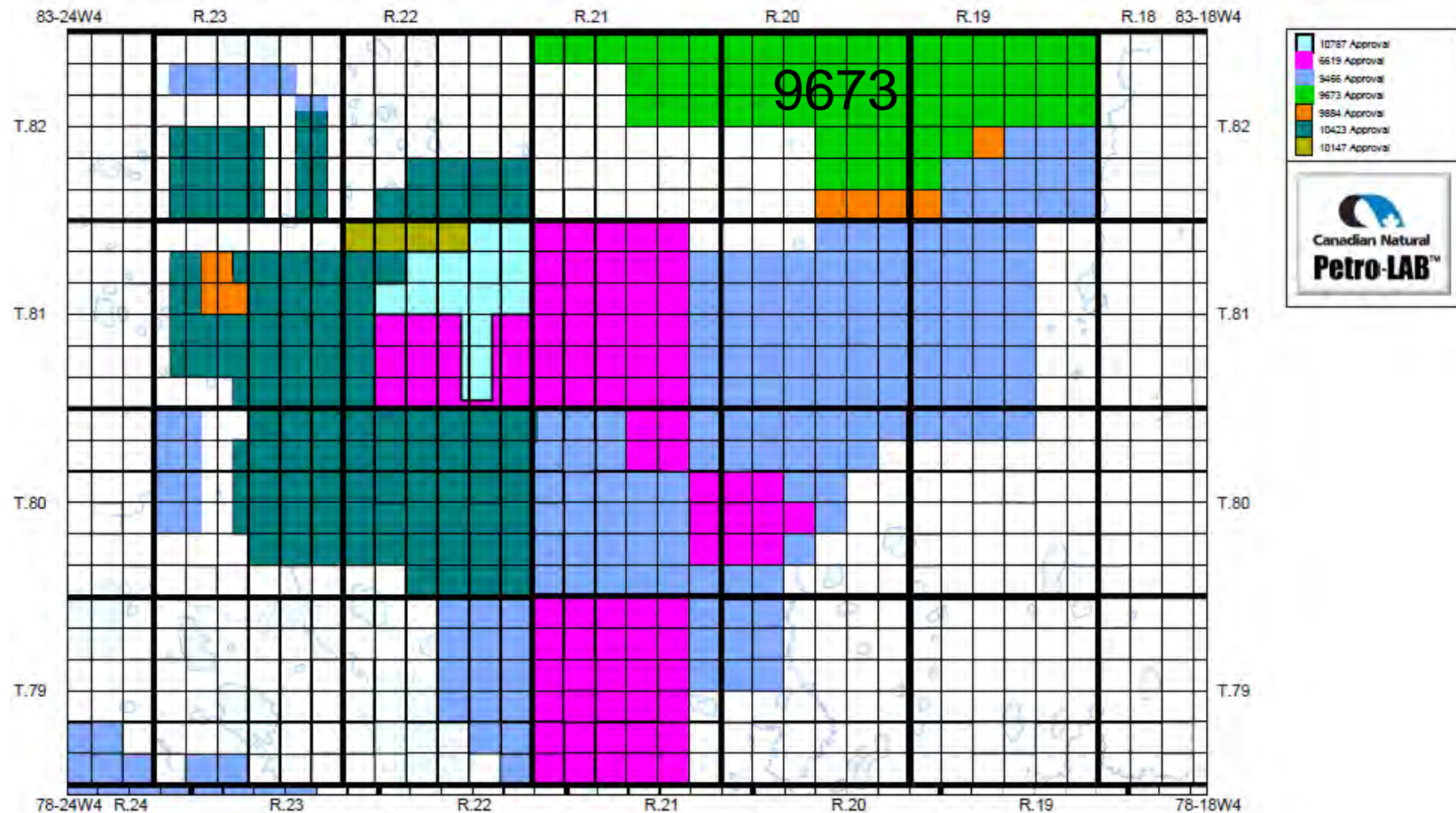


- **Small area of Polymer flood started in 2007**
- **Scheme area expanded in 2010 with polymer injection starting late in the year. 100% of current scheme area will be under polymer flood in Q2 2011.**
- **First area to have a multilateral well being flooded by several injectors.**
- **Oil viscosity ranges from 1200 cp to 4300 cp.**
- **Cumulative oil recovered to date is 8 MMbbl**
- **Plans to expand scheme and flood again in 2011.**

Approval 9673



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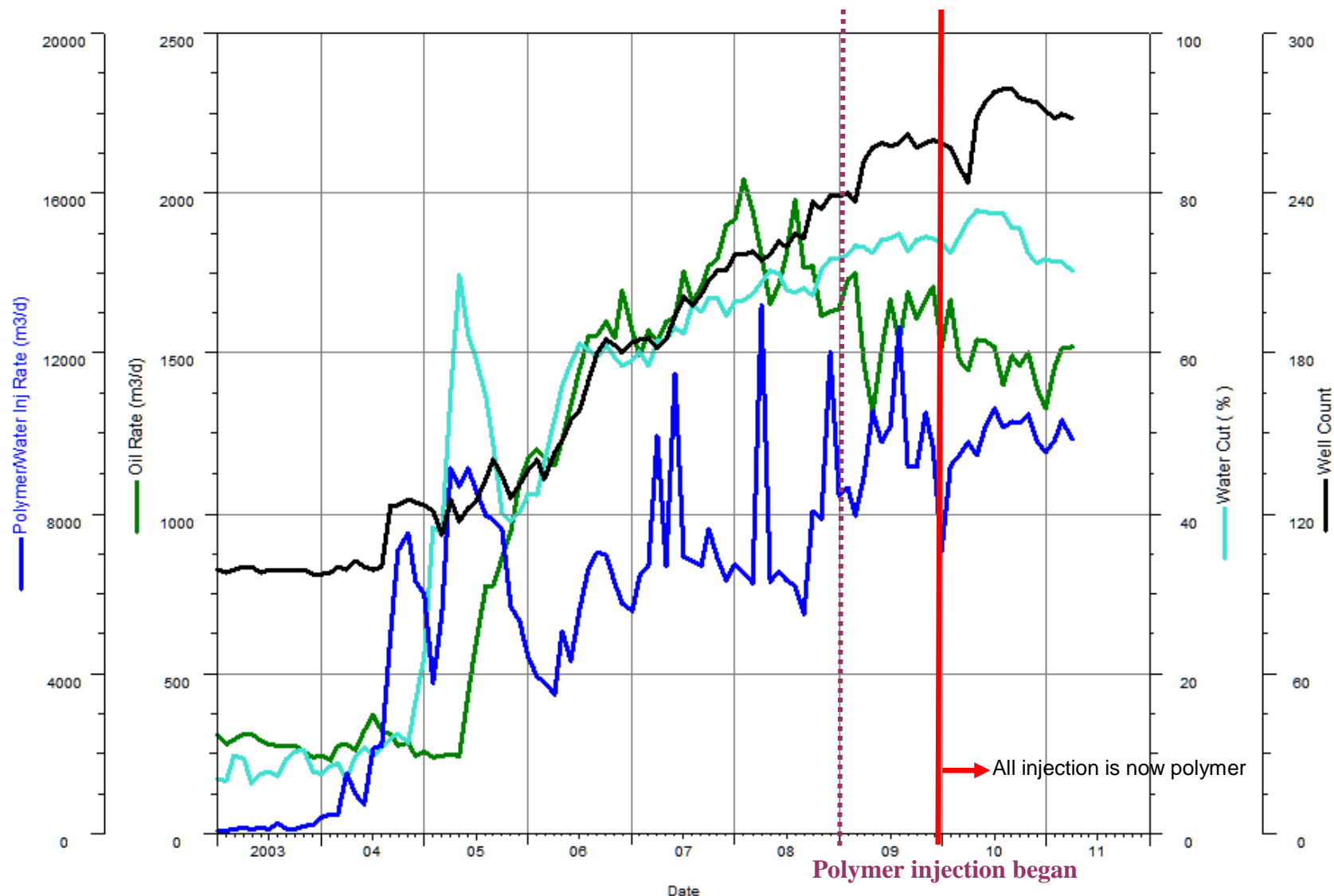
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9673 North Brintnell Polymer Flood



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Approval 9673 Summary



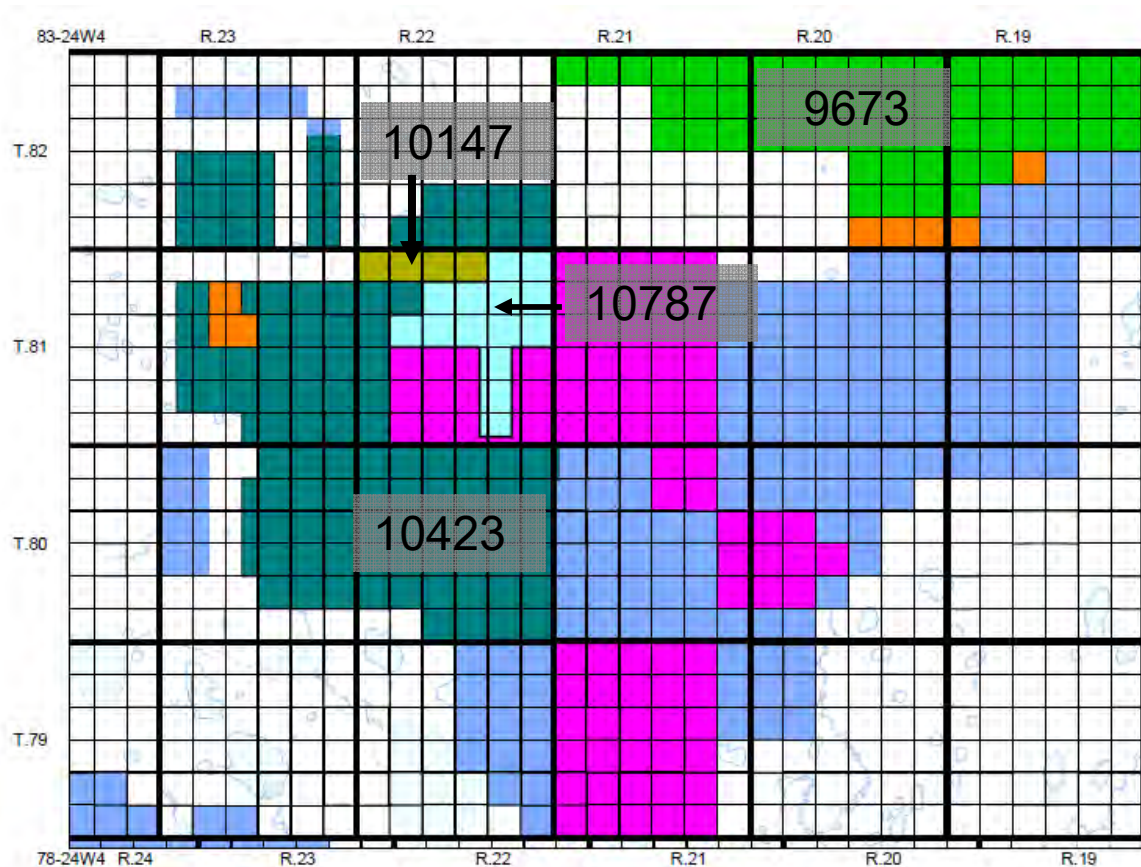
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- Approval 9673 was approved and waterflood operations began in 2004.
- The waterflood was expanded during 2004-2006 within the 9673 approval area.
- In 2008 and 2009 additional lands were added to 9673 and Polymerflood was implemented on these new lands.
- In late 2009 the previously water flooded areas were converted to polymer flood - all areas of the approval which are under flood are now being flooded with polymer.
- 64% of the scheme area is currently under polymer flood.
- Oil viscosity ranges from 600 cp to 5700 cp
- Cumulative oil recovered to date 28 MMbbl

Approval Flood Recovery Factors



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Approval 9673
 Total area OBIP 97,411,452 m3
 Estimated developed area ultimate
 Recovery factor ranges:
 13-17%

Approval 10787
 Total area OBIP 25,210,324 m3
 Estimated developed area ultimate
 Recovery factor ranges:
 15-21%

Approval 10147
 Total area OBIP 7,133,455 m3
 Estimated developed area ultimate
 Recovery factor ranges:
 21-25%

Approval 10423
 Total area OBIP 226,425,173 m3
 Estimated developed area ultimate
 Recovery factor ranges:
 16-21%

Injection Pressures - History



EOR Approval History

- 2003-2005 : EOR Approvals – MAWHIP = 3500kPa

Approval 10147

- Sept 2005 – HTL6 pilot increased MAWHIP approved to 7650kPa

Approval 10423

- 2006-present – MAWHIP approved at varying pressures
Approx: 43%=7650kPa , 28%=6060kPa , 29%=3500kPa

Approval 10787

- Mar 2008 - increased MAWHIP approved to 7650kPa

Approval 9673

- July08-Jan09 - increased MAWHIP approved to 6060kPa

Injection Pressures



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- **Initial Reservoir Pressure = 1900 – 2600 kPa**
 - Via pressure gradients from gas wells in the pool

- **Operating Pressure**
 - **Maximum allowable wellhead injection pressure (MAWHIP)**
 - Approvals vary from 3500 – 7650 kPa
 - CNRL currently sets wellhead operating limit at 6,000 kPa
 - **CNRL submitted Application 1641795 in February 2010 to increase the MAWHIP across all 4 ER Scheme Approval areas to 7650 kPa.**
 - **Interim approval granted December 22, 2010 allowing 7650 kPa on wells listed in the application. Amended on February 28, 2011 to include an additional 28 wells.**

Caprock Integrity



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- **CNRL is working with the ERCB to address caprock integrity concerns as they pertain to our Application 1641795.**
 - **3 wells are currently being drilled to gather additional caprock core, conduct mini-frac analysis and FMI logs.**
 - **Caprock has been mapped.**
 - **Fracturing simulation model has been run.**
 - **Geomechanical modeling being conducted.**
 - **Grand Rapids observation plan being reviewed and updated.**
 - **Wabiskaw zone injection pressure and rate data continues to be monitored via Hall plots.**

Future Development Plans



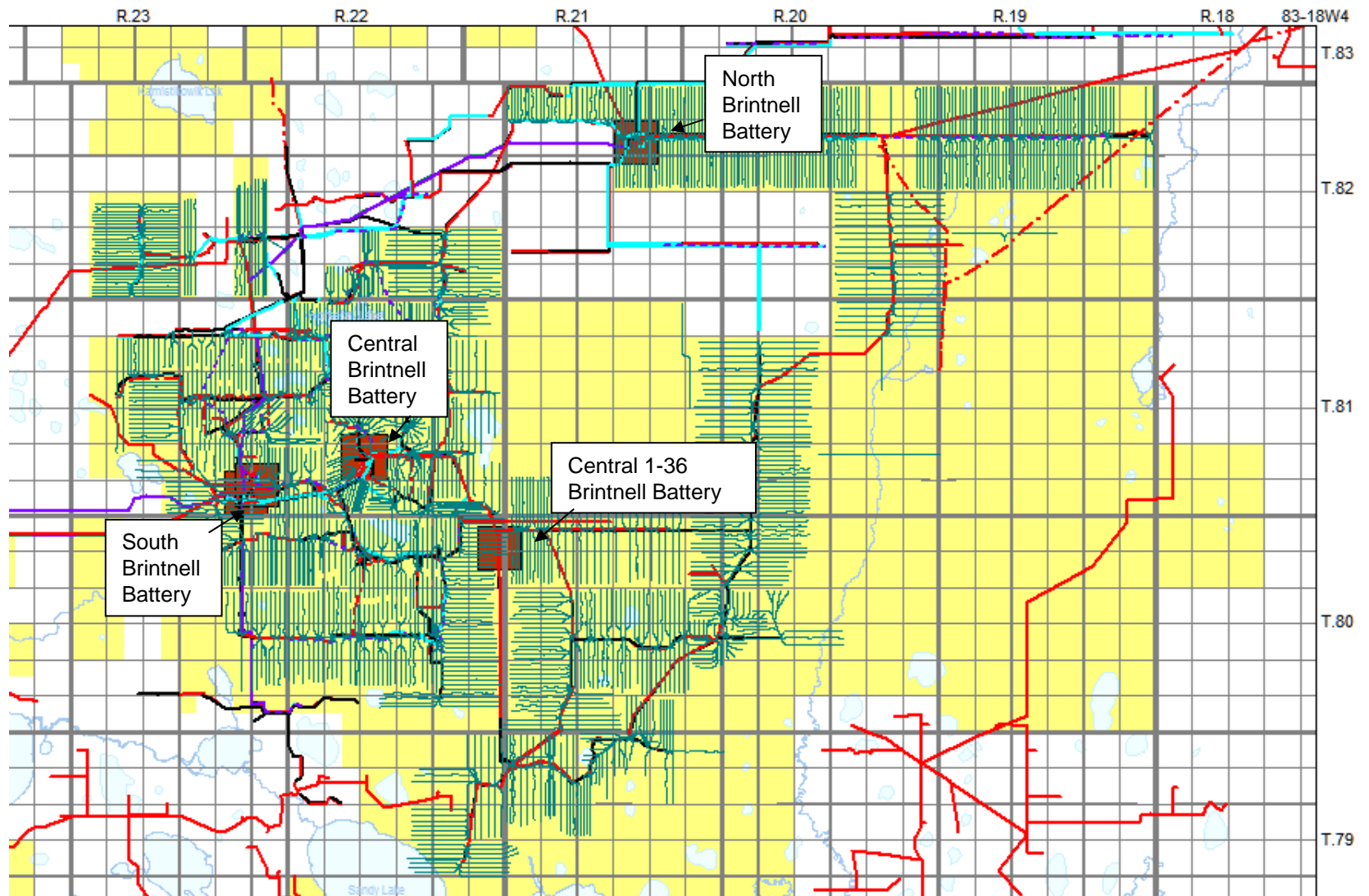
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- **Canadian Natural plans to continue with the expansion of the polymer flood at Brintnell over the next several years pending satisfactory resolution to the caprock integrity / MAWHIP issue.**
- **Expansion will push the flood to the east, south-east and western edges of the pool.**
- **Drilling plans for 2011 are contingent on resolution to the caprock integrity issue and are therefore uncertain for the remainder of the year and into 2012.**
- **In all areas, CNRL continues to learn and optimize from past flood areas.**
- **CNRL continues to evaluate different polymer options for the polymer flood, but at present no changes are imminent.**
- **Surfactant injection in conjunction with polymer is under consideration for a possible trial in 2011 subject to ERCB approval.**

Facilities



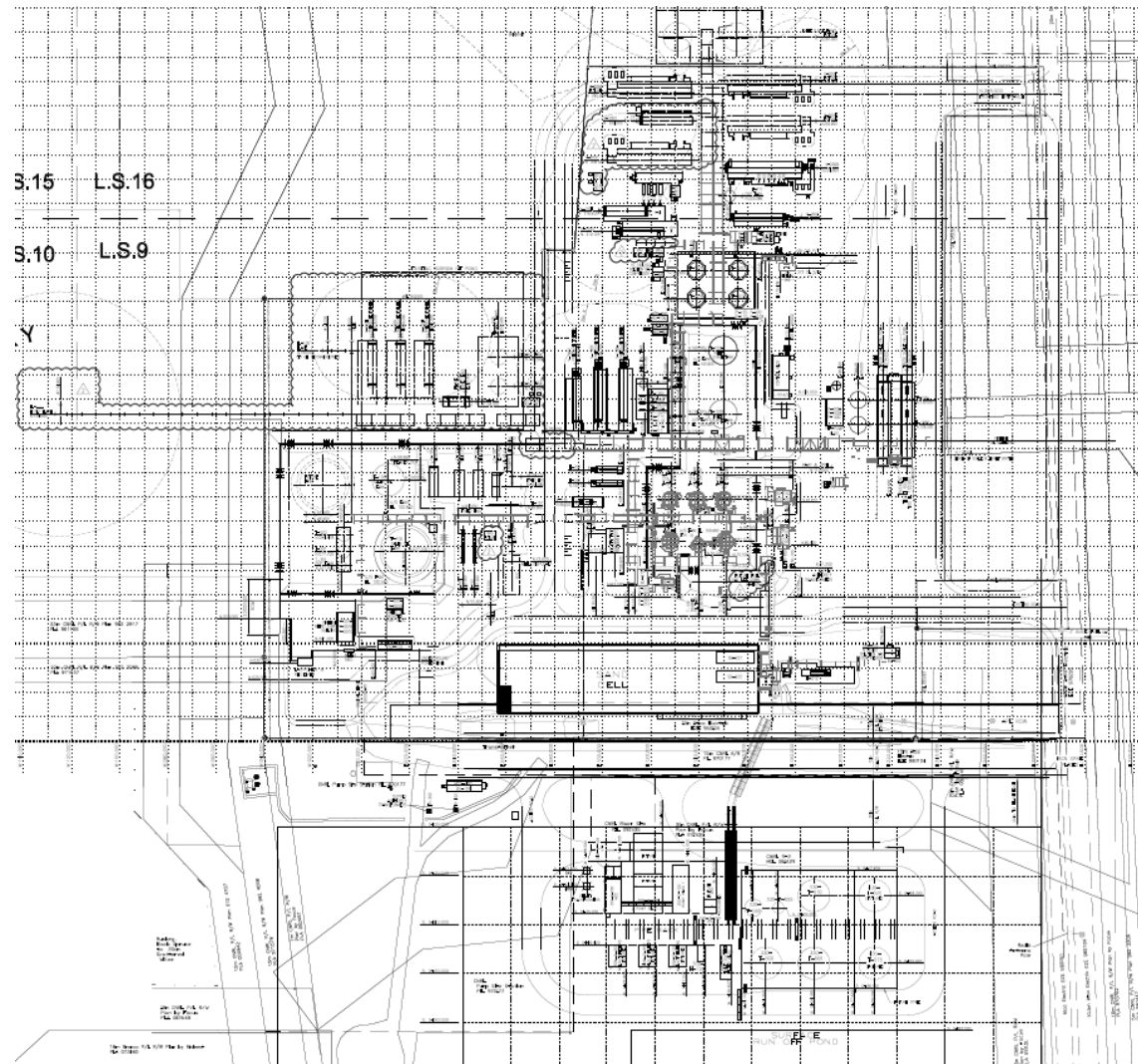
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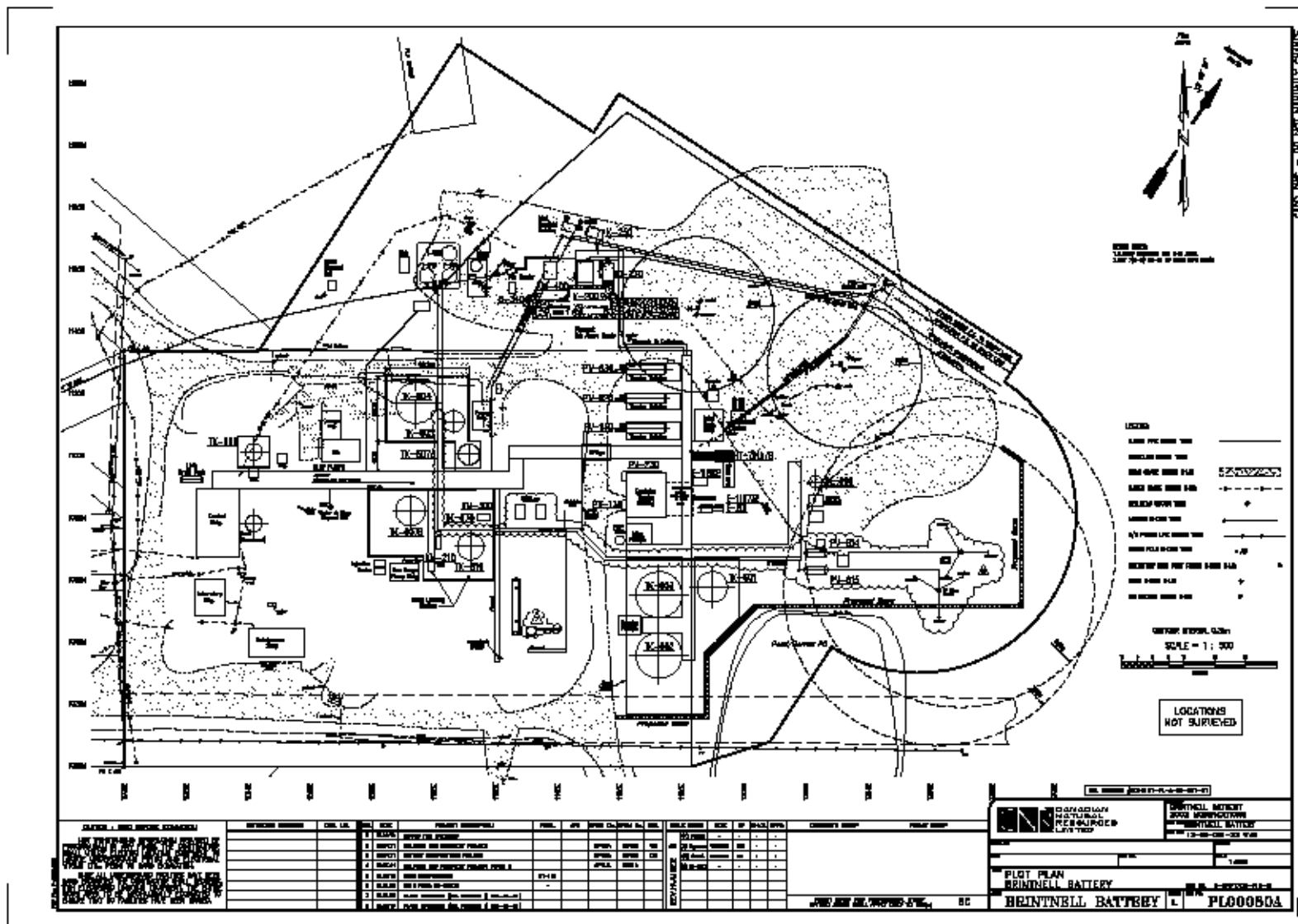
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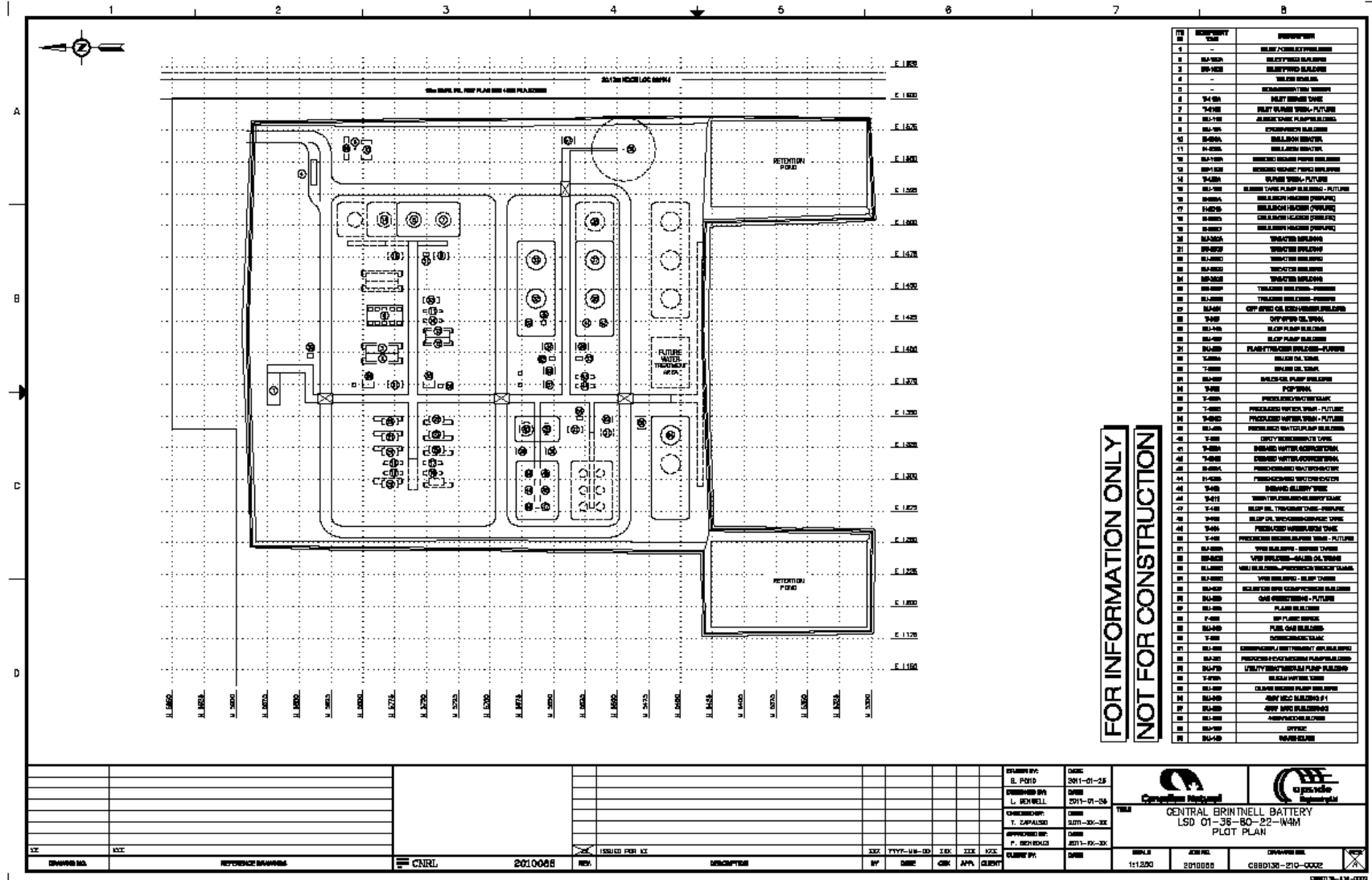
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■ Reasons for Modifications:

• Oil Treating:

- Additional treating required as a result of polymer flood expansion.
- Treating capability: change in process efficiency as a result of increased polymer returns (tight emulsion, reduced heat).
- Heat integration: indirect heating of fluid to reduce OPEX.

• Water Handling:

- Additional vessels/tanks/pumps required to improve produced water recycle percentages.
- Allow adequate storage for polymer injection systems – reduce effect battery upset has on polymer injection.

• Integrity:

- Expecting souring of production over time as a result of injection.
- Battery souring: proper equipment and specs, and integrity to handle higher WCT, TDS, and sour off gases.
- Integrity – expect high WCT and TDS as polymer flood matures.
- Working details of plan to rebuild all existing flood areas over next 3 years; future flood areas to be rebuilt as the flood is expanded (identify higher risk areas to complete first).

Measurement and Reporting



- **Methods of Measurement:**
 - Oil and Water: flow meters and test tanks.
 - Solution Gas: orifice meters.

- **Typical Well Testing:**
 - Frequency and duration: well testing as per Directive 17.
 - Meter installations to replace test tanks (high volume producers).
 - Part of all new pad expansions and rebuilds.

- **Field Proration Factors:**
 - Within acceptable range (Oil: 0.93, Water: 1.10).

Measurement and Reporting – Continued



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■ Optimization:

- Remove test tanks and install flow meters on pads/wells
 - Increase testing frequency and duration
 - Improvements to proration factors
 - Perform testing inline
 - Eliminates gas venting from tanks
 - Reduces potential for spill
- Standardize field equipment across field
 - Reduce maintenance
 - Increase reliability in calibration

Facility Future Plans



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- **Major Activities:**
 - Continue with Polymer Expansions
 - CBB0136 Battery Construction

- **New Initiatives:**
 - SP Pilot

- **Future Approvals:**
 - Polymer Expansions:
 - Facility and pipelines licenses
 - Injection well (D51)

Non-Saline Water Use



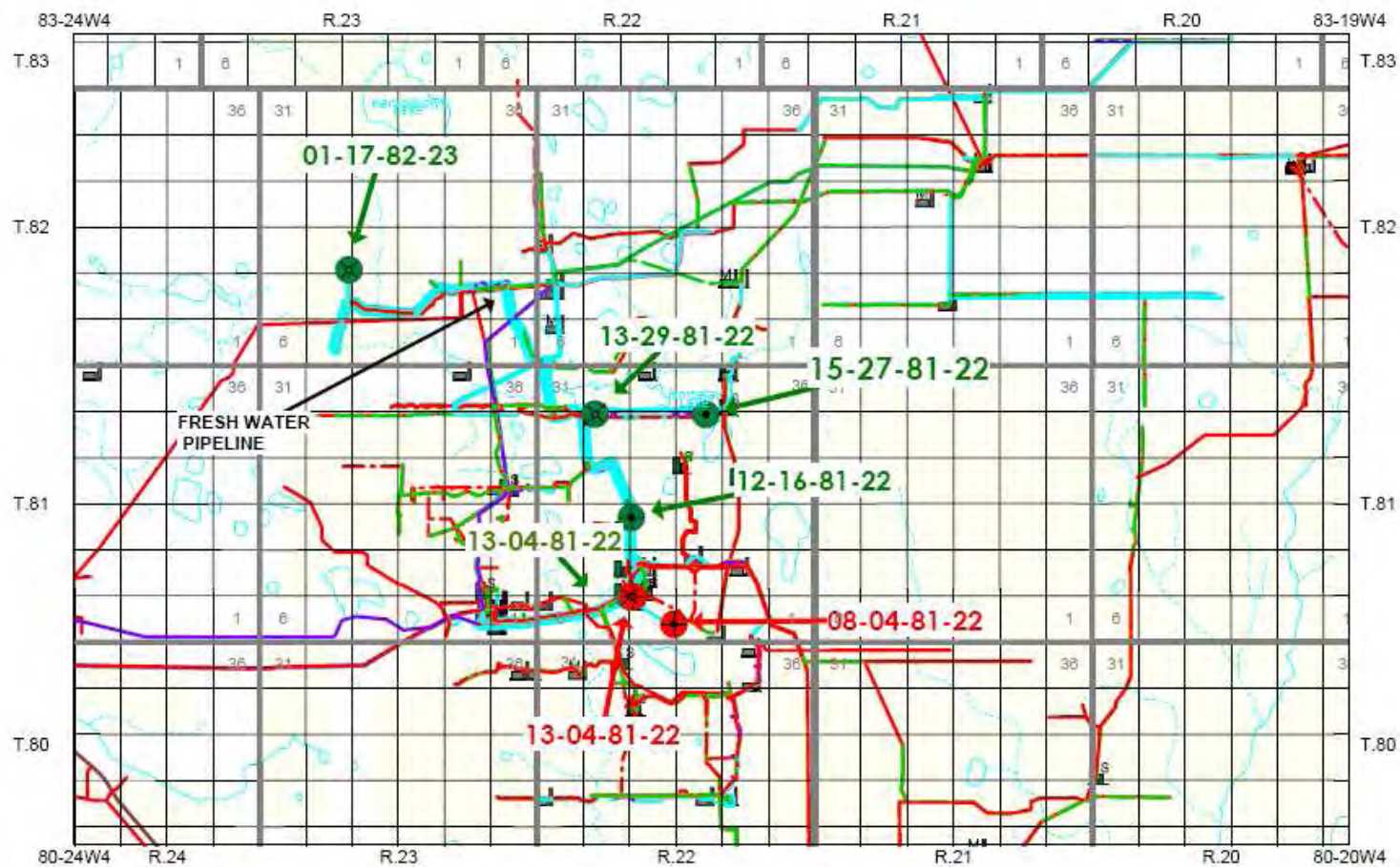
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- **Canadian Natural currently has license 00249595-00-00 with Alberta Environment for the annual diversion of up to 2,151,310 m³ of non-saline water for injection with an expire date of 2014-01-25.**
- **Significant investment has been made in infrastructure and increased operating cost in order to continue to expand the polymer flood without the use of additional non-saline water to our current license.**
- **Canadian Natural has not increased the amount of licensed non-saline water since 2006, yet has significantly increased the amount of area under flood as seen in the polymer flood section of this presentation.**
- **In Compliance with Alberta Environment regarding monthly reporting, observation well monitoring, and all other terms of the License.**

Non-Saline Well Locations



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●	Grand Rapids
●	Pleistocene
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Approval 10423, 10147, and 10787 water use



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- These approvals include the 2005 Polymer pilot, and expansions during 2006 and 2007 which were designed to use only non-saline water.
- Conversion have been completed on several facilities to partially use saline water as part of the mixing process, therefore reducing the amount of non-saline used per unit of polymer. Further conversions being reviewed.
- All project expansions after 2007 have been designed for use with saline only water.

Saline Water Use



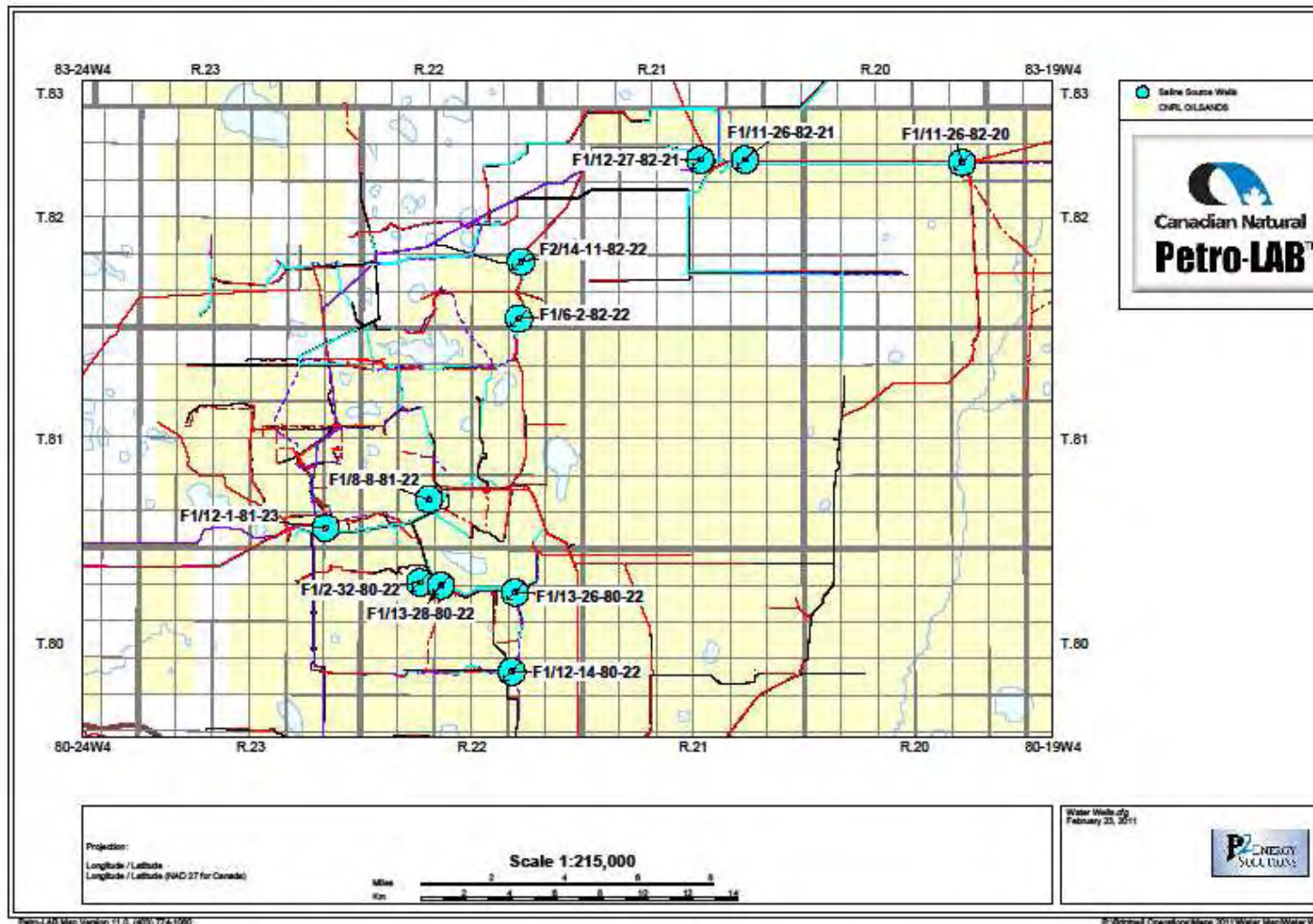
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- **Significant infrastructure and capital investment committed in developing saline water system (pipelines, storage, and artificial lift).**
- **Water quality:**
 - **Significantly higher TDS than non-saline source**
 - **H₂S**
 - **Scaling (compatibilities)**
- **Proposed source for future polymer expansion projects.**
 - **Modifications to existing polymer sites ongoing to convert a portion of water stream (non-saline water conservation).**

Saline Water Map



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Water Usage and Disposal



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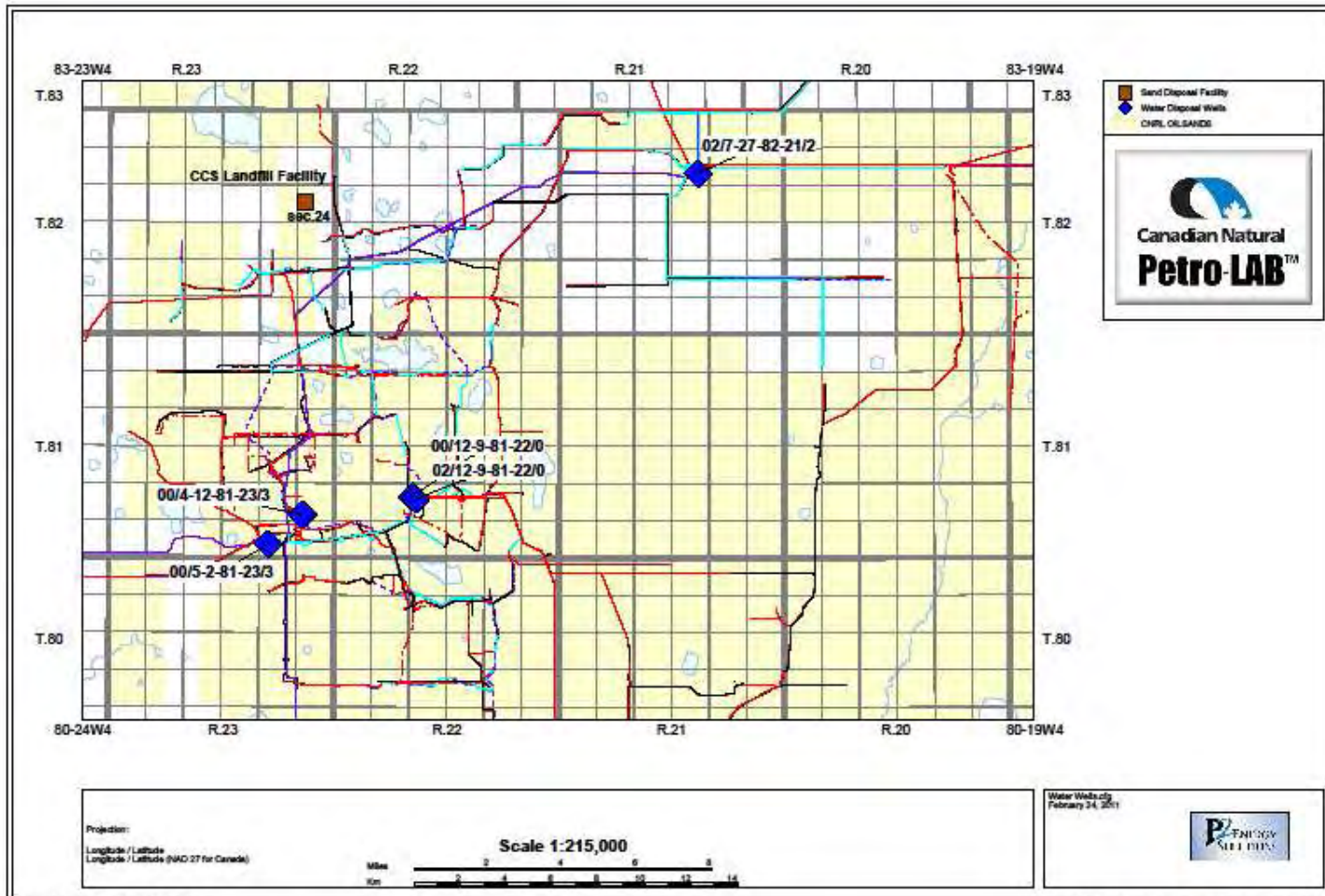
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<u>Total Water Volumes</u>						
Fresh Water (m3)	512766	1026684	1493264	1433242	1553045	383400
Brackish Water (m3)	1438110	1661989	764664	2963684	3999848	1307720
Disposal Volume (m3)	663038	553678	475723	426373	680010	111638

- **Improvements to water system include upgrading water handling capability at batteries to reduce disposal water and increase produced water recycling ratios.**
- **First major expansion expected May 2011 – expect ratios to be in 95-97% range.**
- **CNRL continues to be in compliance with AENV water diversion license (current utilization of 72.2%).**
- **CNRL Disposal injection in compliance with Directive 51 Guidelines and Approvals.**

Water and Oilfield Disposal Map



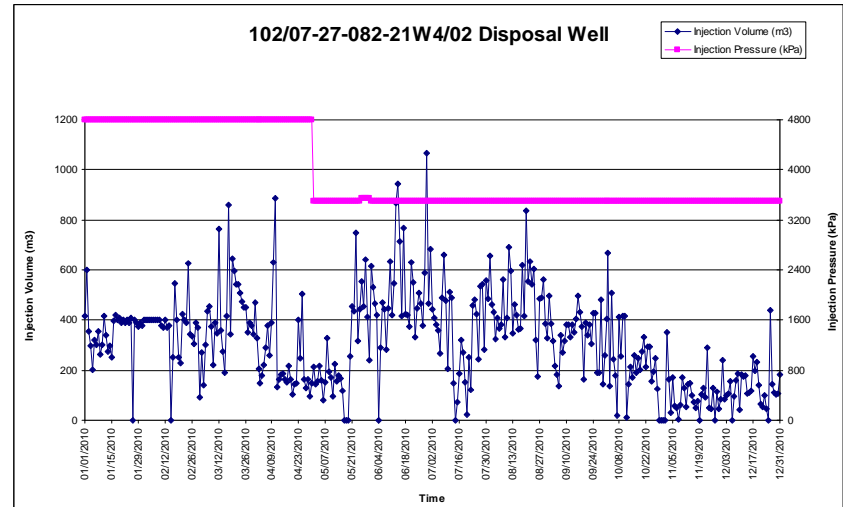
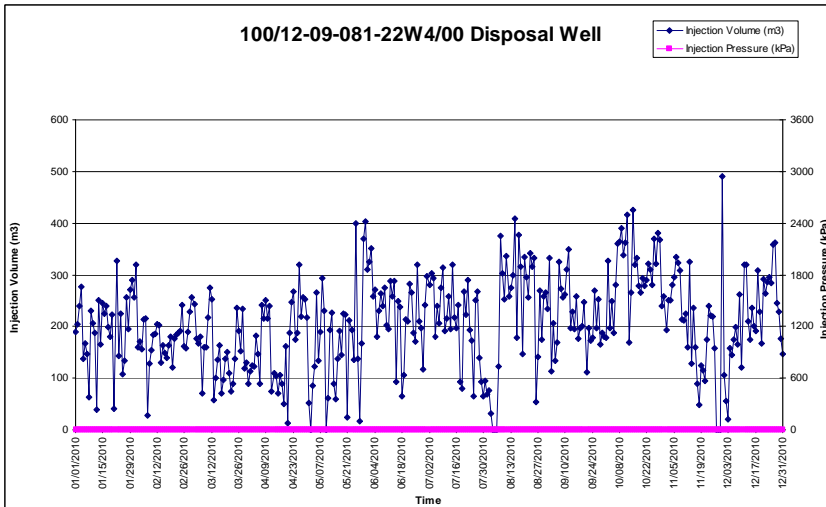
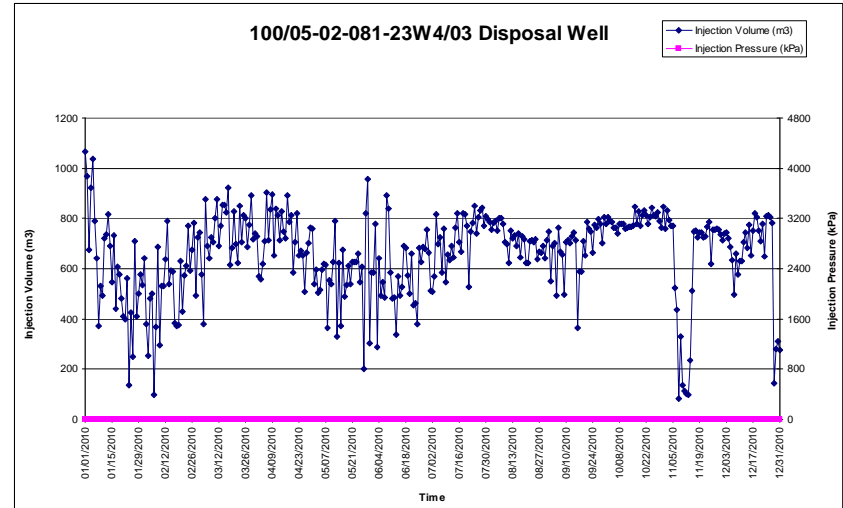
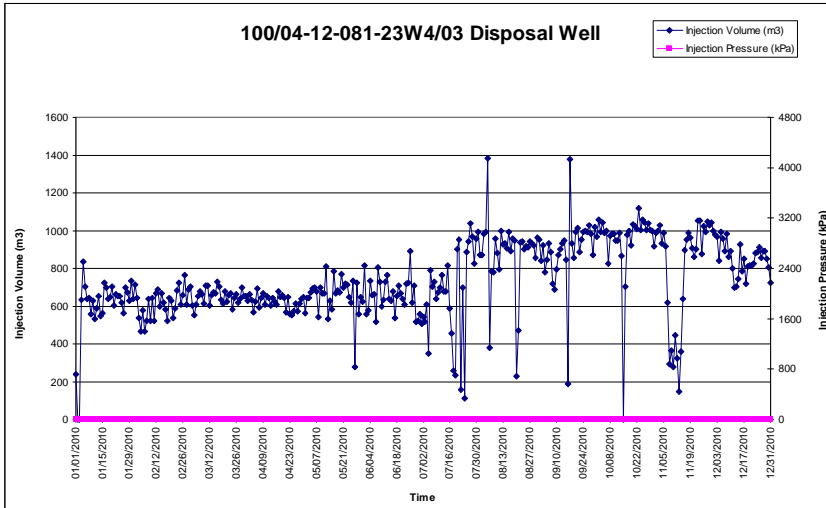
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Disposal Well Data



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Hydrogen Sulphide



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- **Souring of production to occur over time, currently in Engineering phase to ensure compliance across the entire Field to handle sour production (<1% H₂S).**
- **H₂S produced at padsites and batteries is expected to be in low concentration and volume.**
- **CNRL collects all solution gas at batteries and wellsites in a common solution gas gathering system.**
- **Gas to be sweetened in field and at major facility sites (emulsion batteries, compressor station).**

ERCB Compliance



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- **Canadian Natural Resources is not aware of any outstanding compliance issues regarding the current approvals**
- **CNRL currently in compliance with other regulatory bodies (SRD, DFO, AENV).**
- **Reclamation programs: Well and Pipeline abandonments as required by Directives 65 and 13.**
- **Inactive wells: currently compliant.**
 - **Review future flood areas to properly downhole suspend wells within a reasonable time of start of injection (some wells to be completed for monitoring).**



- **CNRL currently working with ERCB to prove cap rock and injector well integrity**
 - Formation/hydraulic isolation
 - Cement bond
 - Casing corrosion
- **Facility souring – gas gathering system conversion to handle solution gas production before it becomes an issue (integrity, licensing, environmental).**
- **Process of upgrading existing batteries and wellsite facilities to meet current regulations and codes for the expected service (higher WCT, higher TDS, less than 1% H₂S). Timeline to be completed over next 3 years throughout field (existing facilities met regulations at time of original construction).**

▪ Outstanding applications with the ERCB include:

- Application 1641795 to provide approval at the scheme level to inject at a maximum wellhead pressure of 7650kpa – February 2010.
- Application 1672297 to add injectors in Approval 9673 - Dec 2010
- Application 1672316 to add injectors in Approval 10423 – Dec 2010
- Application 1680650 to add injectors in Approval 10423 – Dec 2010
- Application 1680657 to add injectors in Approval 10423 – Feb 2011

Conclusion



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- **Canadian Natural is committed to maximizing the value of the Resource for the both itself and the Province of Alberta through it's Royalty Interest**
- **Results over the last year have continued to be excellent, and support the future expansion of the polymer flood to other parts of the reservoir**
- **Compliance with all ERCB regulations continues to be a top priority**