



### PRE-SETTING SURFACE CASING

Prior approval is required from Saskatchewan Industry and Resources for pre-setting surface casing and drilling the main hole with another rig. An application shall include the list of project wells; surface casing contractor(s); surface hole diameter and surface casing size and type. The application shall be forwarded to Mr. Brian Mathieson, Director of Petroleum Development Branch, 2101 Scarth Street, Regina, S4P 3V7 or fax to (306) 787-2478.

The standard conditions of any approval are as follows, unless otherwise indicated:

1. Casing centralizers shall be run 3 metres off bottom, on top of second joint and every third joint thereafter.
2. The surface hole shall be drilled and casing cemented in place at one location prior to moving the rig to another location.
3. A third party (rather than surface-casing rig) shall conduct cementing operations.
4. A plug-loading head shall be utilized to minimize the introduction of air into the casing while cementing.
5. A designated company representative must be on site while drilling of surface hole, running surface casing and cementing operations.
6. The spud date for each well shall be reported to the appropriate SIR Field Office and shall be considered the date drilling of surface hole commences.
7. A suspension of drilling notification shall be reported to the appropriate SIR Field Office, immediately after the surface casing has been set.
8. A resumption of drilling notice shall be provided to the appropriate SIR Field Office twenty-four hours prior to conducting B.O.P. tests on the conventional drilling rig.
9. All other SIR standard reporting requirements remain in effect.
10. If drilling is not resumed within 90 days, the surface casing shall be abandoned by displacing it with inhibited fresh water, cutting off one metre below ground level and welding a steel plate over the end of the casing in order to seal it off.

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