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Dear *Ken*

REMOVAL OF ENCANA GAS WELL
IN WETLAND - WELL 7-27-17-5

- References: A. Physical Reconnaissance of Subject Well 10 November 2004
B. CFB Suffield 4500-3-1 (EnCana) (G3) B Comd Letter Directing Removal of Subject Well 29 March 2005
C. SIRC letter 30 March 2005
D. SIRC President E-Mail 7 April 2005 Requesting SEAC Review
E. Base / SIRC Meeting 27 April 2005
F. SIRC Letter Requesting SEAC Review 18 May 2005
G. CFB Suffield 4500-3-1 (EnCana) (G3) 22 June 2005
H. SIRC Supervisor Range Safety E-Mail 29 July 2005
I. CFB Suffield 4500-3-1 (EnCana) (G3) 15 September 2005 B Comd Letter Directing Removal of Subject Well
J. SIRC President Letter 13 September 2005
K. ENCANA Letter 6 September 2005

1. References A to J above detail a litany of exchanges between SIRC and CFB Suffield regarding subject well. To summarize, the well is in a wetland, SIRC Supervisor Range Safety was directed to have subject well removed on 10 November 2004, and ten months and three formal written directives later the well remains.

2. Reference I is the last of the formal written directives ordering the removal of subject well. Reference J is President SIRC's counterproposal to discuss, yet again this issue. This counter proposal reflects SIRC's strategy of deny, delay, deter and deflect, an

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approach to doing business in the CFB Suffield Training Area that will no longer be tolerated. There will be no further discussions on subject well and as noted at reference I ENCANA operations on CFB Suffield will be curtailed should subject well not be removed as directed.

3. At reference K, ENCANA has requested information regarding CFB Suffield's decision making process regarding subject well and wetlands drilling. As Base Commander I am responsive to Chief of the Land Staff for the protection and enhancement of the environment and I follow DND directives and in the case of CFB Suffield, I also use Alberta Environment Regulations. Subject well is clearly in a wetland as defined by Alberta Environment and Energy Utilities Board, and I neither require nor desire any further input from industry or SEAC on this particular issue. It is hoped that this type of unfortunate circumstance will be precluded in the future given CFB Suffield's new environmental strategy and soon to be published Range Standing Orders.

4. In closing, CFB Suffield has been more than patient and tolerant in the case of subject well. In future, I will be communicating directly with oil and gas companies operating on the Base in order to ensure that our environmental concerns are transmitted to management in a timely and accurate fashion.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Commander

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