

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL AIO 11.003

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RE: Granite Point Field GP-53 (PTD 196-014)
Request for Administrative Approval AIO 11

Dear Mr. Greenstein:

Per Rule 8 of Area Injection Order (“AIO”) 11, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“AOGCC” or “Commission”) hereby grants Unocal Alaska. (“Unocal”)’s request for administrative approval for water injection in the subject well.

AOGCC finds the following:

1. This well was originally reported to have “slight” tubing x annulus communication in March 1999 and verbal approval was given to keep the well in service.
2. Unocal performed a temperature survey in June 2002 and made Sundry permit application to keep the well in service.
3. Analysis of the temperature log indicated that fluids were being confined to the intended injection zone and Unocal was approved to continue injection by sundry permit 302-191 approved August 13, 2002.
4. As required by the Sundry permit, Unocal has been recording daily injection rate-sand well pressures and has been reporting this information to the Commission monthly. In support of this application, Unocal has submitted the results of a new temperature log and a graphical maximum operating pressure determination.
5. Based upon analysis of the submitted logging information, there are no temperature anomalies indicated. The monthly rate/pressure information has not indicated any further pressure integrity loss.
6. At this time, Unocal is not proposing to repair the well to restore full integrity.
7. An aquifer exemption is in effect below Cook Inlet for Granite Point Field [40 CFR 147.102(b)(2)(i).]

Based on analysis of the submitted information, the Commission concludes that GP-53 exhibits two competent barriers to release of well pressure. Accordingly, the Commission believes that the well's condition does not compromise overall well integrity so as to threaten the environment or human safety.

AOGCC's administrative approval to continue water injection in Granite Point Field GP-53 is conditioned upon the following:

1. Injection is limited to WATER ONLY;
2. Unocal shall monitor and record wellhead pressures [T/I/O] (tubing/inner annulus/outer annulus) and injection rate daily and submit this information to the Commission monthly;
3. Unocal shall perform a temperature log every two years to demonstrate continued production casing integrity;
4. Unocal shall immediately shut in the well and notify the AOGCC upon any measurable change in well outer annulus pressure or any change in the rate/pressure relationship for the tubing/IA; and
5. After well shut in, AOGCC approval shall be required to restart injection.

As provided in AS 31.05.080, within 20 days after written notice of this decision, or such further time as the Commission grants for good cause shown, a person affected by it may file with the Commission an application for rehearing. A request for rehearing is considered timely if it is received by 4:30 PM on the 23rd day following the date of this letter, or the next working day if the 23rd day falls on a holiday or weekend. A person may not appeal a Commission decision to Superior Court unless rehearing has been requested.

DONE at Anchorage, Alaska and dated March 29, 2005.

John K. Norman
Chairman

Daniel T. Seamount, Jr.
Commissioner