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Dear Mrs. de Jong, Executive Director, OROGO

Suncor Energy Inc. is seeking an operational determination on placing a second permanent bridge plug into the wells in Colville Lake; Tweed Lake M-47 (WID1476), Tweed Lake A-67 (WID1555) and Bele O-35 (WID1600). The basis for this request is discussed in detail within the attached Basis of Design document.

In summary, Suncor Energy Inc. feel the proposed abandonment concept satisfies the OROGO requirements outlined in the Wells Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines, whilst minimising risk to people and the environment.

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## Basis of Design Document

### NWT (Northwest Territories) Abandonments

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## **1 Forward**

### **1.1 Introduction**

This document outlines the Basis of Design for the abandonment of the three Colville Lake wells (A-67, M-47, O-35) which were drilled and completed in 1985 & 1986 respectively. This proposed abandonment strategy is in alignment with the OROGO Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and considers the geological rationale to leave the uncemented intervals of the surface casing in place, which was reviewed and accepted by OROGO (Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations) in February 2024.

The leases are located 20 and 60 km south of Colville lake and approximately 200 km north west of Norman Wells. The main access to Colville lake is via the Mackenzie River, by barge in the summer months and ice roads on the river during the winter. From Fort Good Hope, the wellsites can be accessed either by air or by ice road in the winter. Outside of the limited barging and ice road windows, access is by aircraft only.

The three wellbores that require abandonment are 100% owned Suncor. Two out of the three wellbores have been completed and suspended downhole. Well O-35, was never completed and is cased and cemented.

OROGO issued Suncor Energy an extension until March 31, 2025, to bring the wellbores into abandonment compliance. Suncor Energy have been working to evaluate the technical, logistical, and commercial options, whilst considering all stakeholders. The cancellation of the Mackenzie River barging for the summer of 2024 will impact the execution window, therefore this document assumes a Spring/Summer 2025 operation. A formal application for extension of the existing deadline will be submitted to the regulator in due course.

### **1.2 Completion Well Objectives**

The objectives of the A-67, M-47, O-35 abandonments are:

- Manage operations effectively with a focus on safety above all else and protection of the environment .
- To comply with OROGO Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretations Notes, sections 6 Well Abandonment Requirements, including Cement Evaluation, Wellbore Fluid, Pressure Testing, and Surface Abandonment Requirements.
- Complete the operation within the agreed AFE (Authorization for Expenditure) and OROGO approved time line.
- Communicate to stakeholders during well operations to ensure effective decision making, consistent with the objectives of the wells.
- Record and archive in appropriate data base quality data and operational reports. Distribute relevant data sets to Stakeholders.

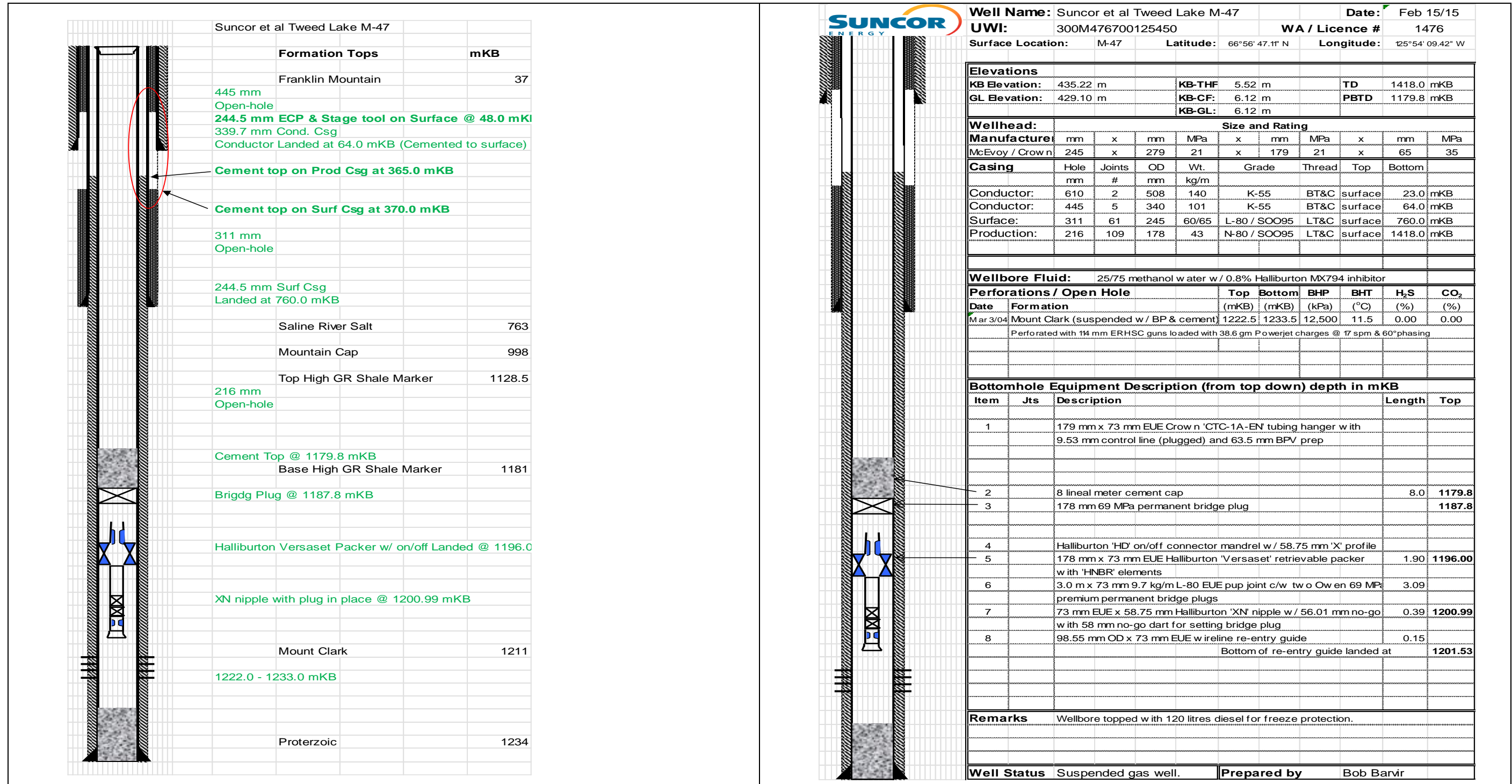
### **1.3 Wells Overview**

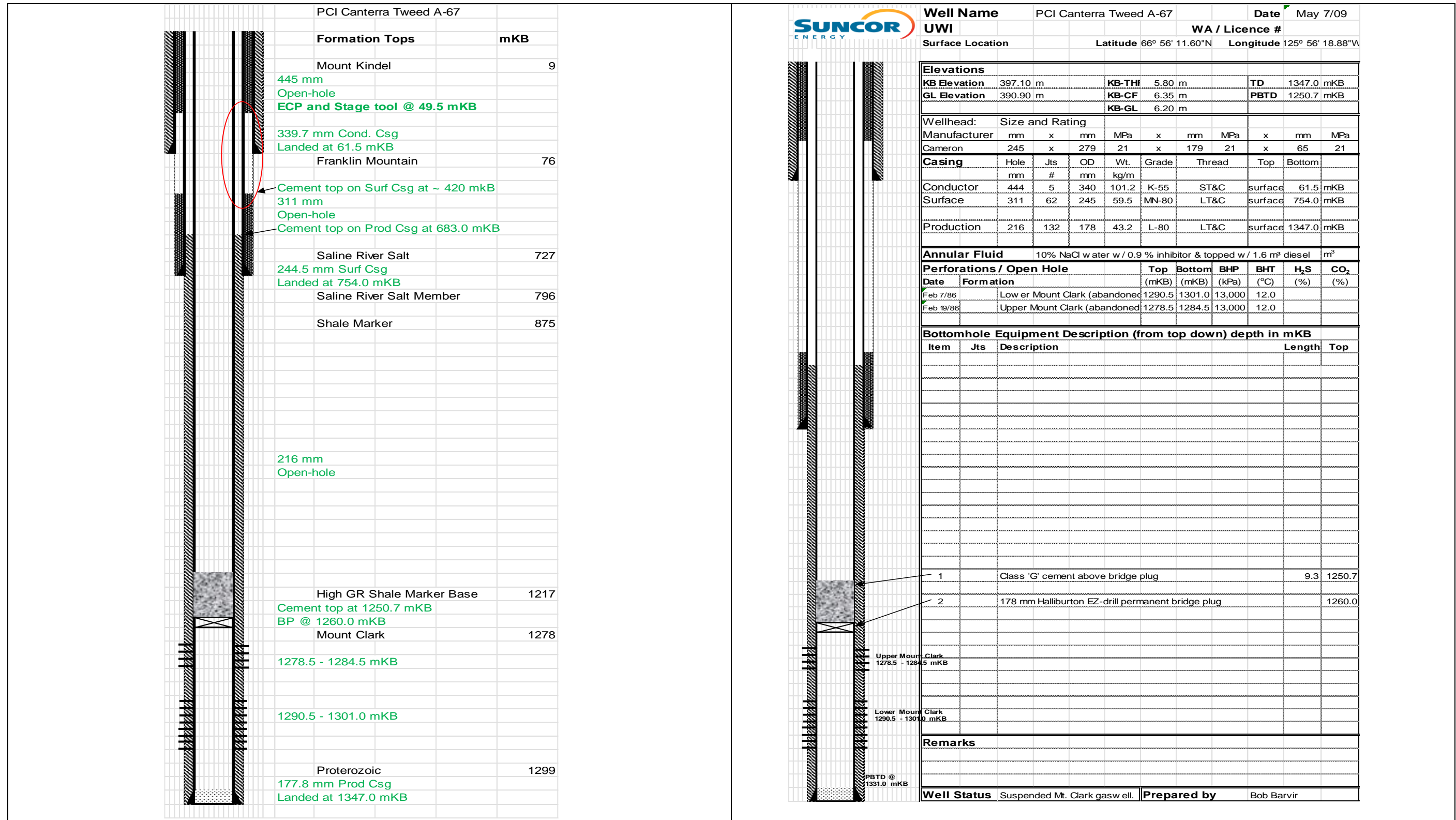
All three wells were drilled into the Proterozoic and the zone of interest was the Mount Clark Formation. In wells A-67 and M-47, the Mount Clark Formation was perforated and fractured. Both were flow tested and were subsequently down hole abandoned based on the regulation requirements at the time. The wellbore fluids currently consist of water with corrosion inhibitor. All three wells have some methanol in the fluid with each well having varying percentages (M-47 21% methanol, A-67 5.5% methanol, O-35 trace amount). O-35 has a thick brownish fluid (assumed to be drilling mud) down to 4 m with a diesel cap below that. A-67 has diesel down to 69 m and M-47 had diesel down to 7.2 m.

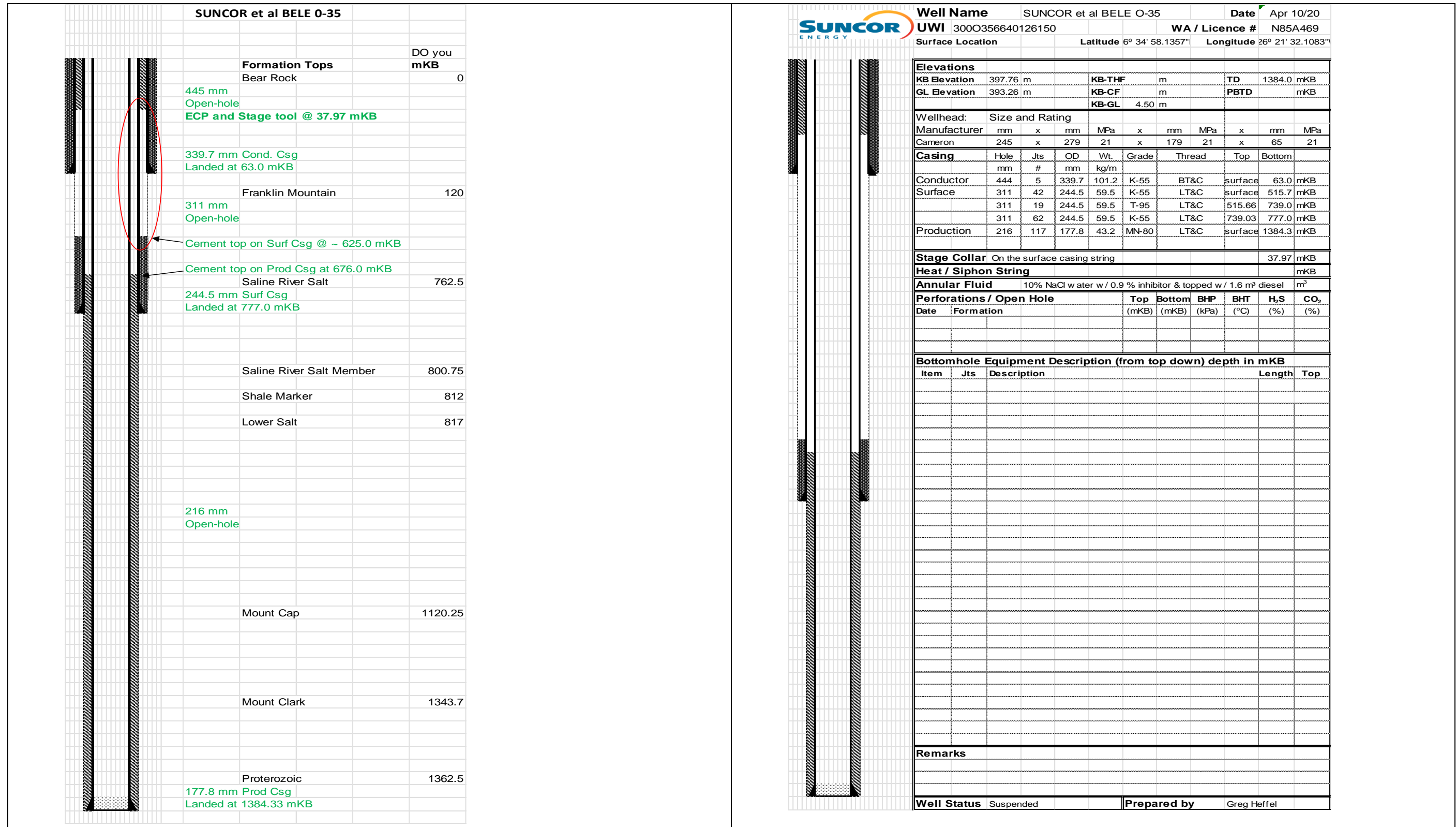
All the wellheads were serviced in June 2024 with no concerns noted. The wells were proactively pressure tested, (M-47 4.1 MPa for 15 minutes, A-67 4.2 MPa for 15 minutes, O-35 5.5 MPa for 15 minutes) and vent blow testing conducted, which was negative. The pressure testing was undertaken to confirm well integrity ahead of determining the most suitable abandonment option. Gas migration testing will be completed prior to the abandonment operations.

Current downhole configurations for the three wells are shown in the following schematics.

2 Wells Technical Summary  
2.1 Well Schematics









## 2.2 Location, Well and Rig Data

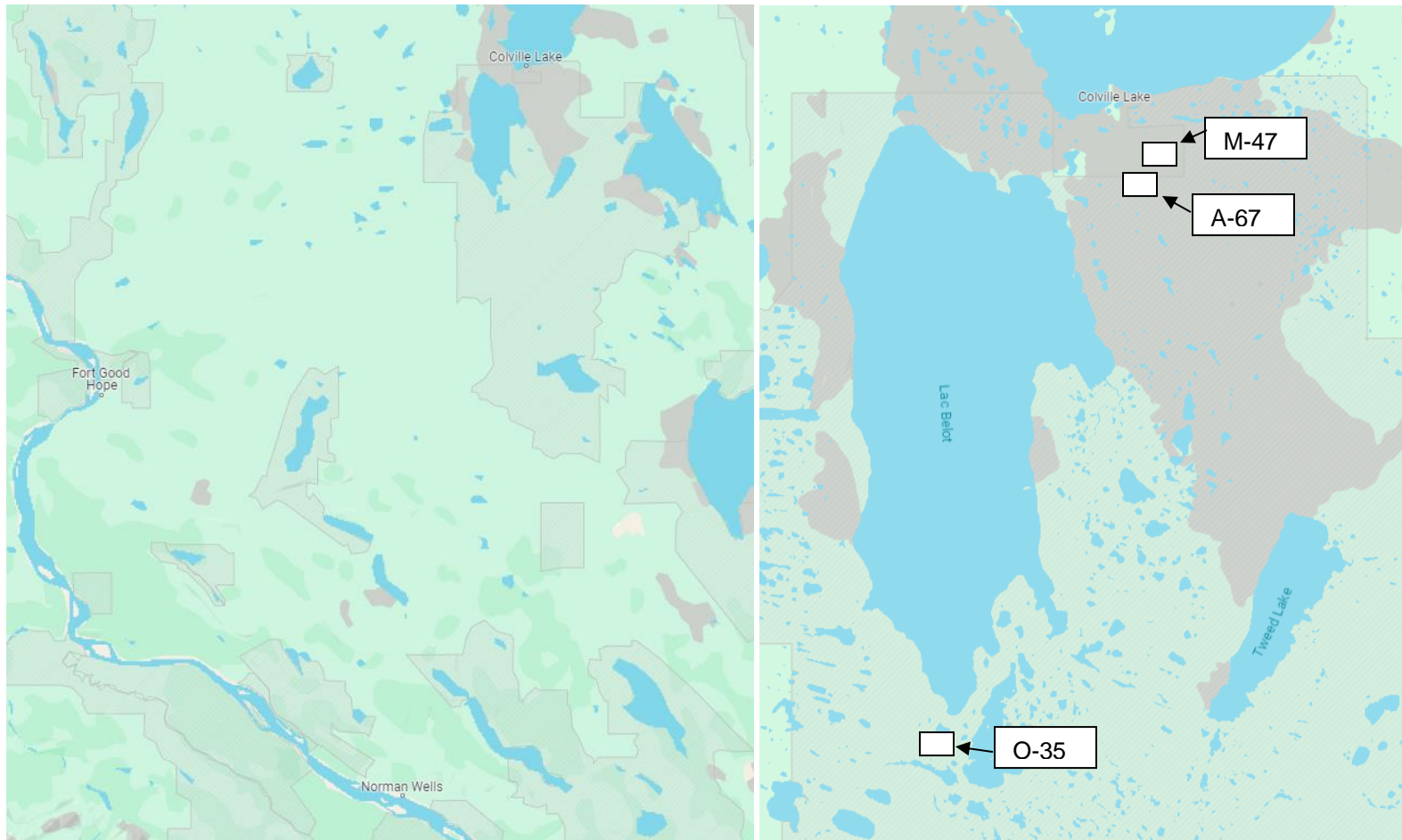
<b>WELL DATA</b>		<b>SUNCOR et al TWEED LAKE M-47</b>	
Area:	Colville Lake		
Spud date	Jan 11/85		
U.W.I.	300M4767000125450		
Surface Location:	Latitude: <b>66° 56' 47.11" N</b> Longitude : <b>125° 54' 9.42" W</b>		
WID Number:	1476		
Well Identification:	<b>M-47</b>		
Kelly Bushing:	435.22 mMSL		
Ground Level:	429.1 mMSL		
TD:	1418.00 mKB		
PBTD:	1179.8 mKB		
Well Design Basis	Permanent Abandonment		
H <sub>2</sub> S Level of Preparedness	The abandoned producing interval was sweet.		

<b>WELL DATA</b>		<b>SUNCOR et al TWEED LAKE A-67</b>	
Area:	Colville Lake		
Spud date	Nov 13/85		
U.W.I.	300A6767000125450		
Surface Location:	Latitude: <b>66° 56' 11.60" N</b> Longitude: <b>125° 56' 18.88" W</b>		
WID Number:	1555		
Well Identification:	<b>A-67</b>		
Kelly Bushing:	397.1 mMSL		
Ground Level:	390.9 mMSL		
TD:	1347.00 mKB		
PBTD:	1250.7 mKB		
Well Design Basis	Permanent Abandonment		
H <sub>2</sub> S Level of Preparedness	The abandoned producing interval was sweet.		

<b>WELL DATA</b>	<b>SUNCOR et al BELE O-35</b>
Area:	Colville Lake
Spud date	Feb 14/86
U.W.I.	300O356640126150
Surface Location:	Latitude: <b>66° 34'58.1357" N</b> Longitude: <b>126° 21' 32.1083" W</b>
WID Number:	1600
Well Identification:	<b>O-35</b>
Kelly Bushing:	397.76 mMSL
Ground Level:	393.26 mMSL
TD:	1384.00 mKB
PBTD:	1380.00 mKB
Well Design Basis	Permanent Abandonment
H <sub>2</sub> S Level of Preparedness	

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### 2.3 Location Map



## **2.4 Abandonment of the Colville Lake wells.**

The following three abandonment concepts have been evaluated:

1. Cut and pull of the existing production casing and perforation of surface casing to allow remedial cementing. Swab out of all existing wellbore fluids and replace with fresh water.
2. Swab out of all existing wellbore fluids and replace with fresh water.
3. Placement of permanent bridge plug above the surface casing shoe, replacing the fluid above the permanent bridge plug with fresh water.

Option three is proposed by Suncor as the optimal concept and is being presented to OROGO for concurrence. The rationale for this recommendation is discussed below.

### Option 1 – Remedial cementing

This approach is the most operationally and logistically complex with the lowest likelihood of success. Following the attempted cutting and pulling of the production casing, the surface casing would be perforated across the zones, considered to have insufficient annular cement. Remedial cementing would be attempted into those zones, all of which experienced significant losses during the original cementing operations. Assuming successful, the wells would be logged, displaced to fresh water, and cut and capped.

Significant challenges are anticipated with this approach, including:

- Uncertainty around cutting and pulling production casing.
- Uncertainty around ability to successfully place/squeeze remedial cement across the uncemented loss zones.
- Limited equipment and services within the region to support scope (drilling rig required)
- Complex logistical requirements to provide multi season winter road access to move equipment in and out.

In January 2024, Suncor Energy presented an independent geological assessment which demonstrated that the suspended Colville Lake wells do not create new pathways between the non-saline and saline water units. The study outlined that the existing casing cement has effectively isolated the known freshwater units from the known brine bearing units and that the attempted addition of remedial cement does not add value to the wellbore abandonments.

This proposal was reviewed by OROGO in February 2024 and the regulator concurred with the assessment. As a result, the remedial cementing **option was not considered any further.**

Option 2 – Swabbing entire wellbore fluid column.

This option builds on the determination that remedial cementing is not required and assumes the total wellbore contents are swabbed out and replaced with freshwater. This is a similar approach to that Suncor employed at the Tathlina N-18 well in 2022, where the swabbed fluids were flown out via helicopter and disposed of. On that occasion the well volume was significantly less than that of the 3 x Colville Lake wellbores (75m<sup>3</sup> vs 9.2 m<sup>3</sup>) resulting in a higher logistical complexity and risk associated with increase helicopter flights.

The Tathlina well was swabbed using a wireline unit, however initial modelling suggests that swabbing the deeper, larger OD wellbores will exceed the capacity of the unit previously used. Other units are under consideration, including a Heli portable service rig. The condition and timeline for operational readiness is a concern for this option, as the only available Heli portable service rig has been cold stacked for a number of years. As a result, swabbing the entire wellbore contents **is not a recommended concept.**

Option 3 – Installation of permanent bridge plug and swabbing wellbore fluid above plug.

Suncor is proposing to place permanent bridge plugs in all the wells and replace the fluid above the plug with fresh water. This is based on the following rationale:

- Reduction of the swabbed volume by up to 35m<sup>3</sup>. This in turn will significantly reduce the number of helicopter flights required to transport fluid to and from the wellsite. Reducing the number of flights mitigating the risk associated with helicopter operations as well as reducing GHG emissions (potential reduction of 60m<sup>3</sup> of jet fuel).
- In wells M-47 and A-67, a additional bridge plug would allow a second barrier from the surface casing shoe to surface as both wells were abandoned under previous regulations, and do not meet the current requirements of 15 meters of cement on top of the lower bridge plug (8m and 9.3m respectively).
- Equipment limitations on swab depth. Reducing the total swabbed value allows a similar approach to the Tathlina operation to be utilized. By following a proven strategy and operational plan, chance of success is increased.
- Retaining inhibited fluid below the uppermost bridge plug helps ensure integrity of the casing below the surface casing shoe.

The placement of the additional bridge plug is supported by the determination that ground water protection has already been achieved above the surface casing shoe. For M-47 the proposed setting depth of 615m is based on existing bond log data and is well below the annular cement top.

For A-67 a bond log was run for the production casing and the top of annular cement is at 683 m. The cement top on the surface casing was calculated, with the expected cement top at 420 m. The proposed bridge plug placement in the production casing at 705m will ensure there is adequate amount of annular cement above the bridge plug.

Well O-35 currently does not have a bond log and the plug setting depth will be confirmed following the running of the log. For planning purposes, it is assumed the plug will be set at +/- 700m.

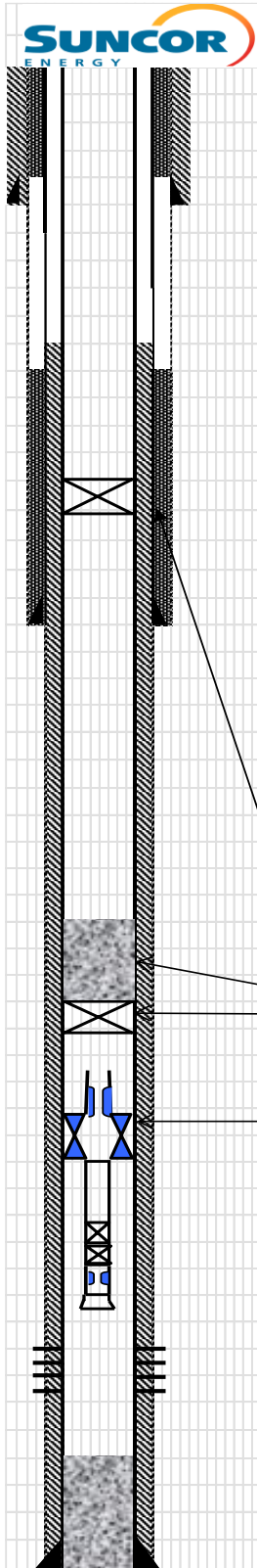
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Based on the ability to reduce operational risk and complexity whilst satisfying OROGO requirements, **option three, installation of permanent bridge plug and swabbing wellbore fluid above plug, is the recommended option.**

To meet the abandonment requirements set out in OROGO's Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretations Notes, Suncor will perform a bond log on well O-35. There are bond logs on M-47 and A-67 which will be sent into OROGO for their records. All wells will require pressure testing to 7 MPa for 10 minutes prior to cutting and capping.

Proposed final wellbore configurations are as follows:



<b>Well Name:</b> Suncor et al Tweed Lake M-47		<b>Date:</b> Feb 15/15	
<b>UWI:</b> 300M476700125450		<b>WA / Licence #</b> 1476	
<b>Surface Location:</b> M-47	<b>Latitude:</b> 66°56' 47.11" N	<b>Longitude:</b> 125°54' 09.42" W	

Elevations			
<b>KB Elevation:</b> 435.22 m	<b>KB-THF</b> 5.52 m	<b>TD</b> 1418.0 mKB	
<b>GL Elevation:</b> 429.10 m	<b>KB-CF:</b> 6.12 m	<b>PBTD</b> 1179.8 mKB	
	<b>KB-GL:</b> 6.12 m		

Wellhead:		Size and Rating								
<b>Manufacture:</b>	mm	x	mm	MPa	x	mm	MPa	x	mm	MPa
McEvoy / Crown	245	x	279	21	x	179	21	x	65	35

Casing		Hole	Joints	OD	Wt.	Grade	Thread	Top	Bottom
		mm	#	mm	kg/m				
Conductor:		610	2	508	140	K-55	BT&C	surface	23.0 mKB
Conductor:		445	5	340	101	K-55	BT&C	surface	64.0 mKB
Surface:		311	61	245	60/65	L-80 / SOO95	LT&C	surface	760.0 mKB
Production:		216	109	178	43	N-80 / SOO95	LT&C	surface	1418.0 mKB

<b>Wellbore Fluid:</b>	25/75 methanol water w/ 0.8% Halliburton MX794 inhibitor
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Perforations / Open Hole		Top	Bottom	BHP	BHT	H <sub>2</sub> S	CO <sub>2</sub>
Date	Formation	(mKB)	(mKB)	(kPa)	(°C)	(%)	(%)
Mar 3/04	Mount Clark (suspended w/ BP & cement)	1222.5	1233.5	12,500	11.5	0.00	0.00
Perforated with 114 mm ERHSC guns loaded with 38.6 gm Powerjet charges @ 17 spm & 60° phasing							

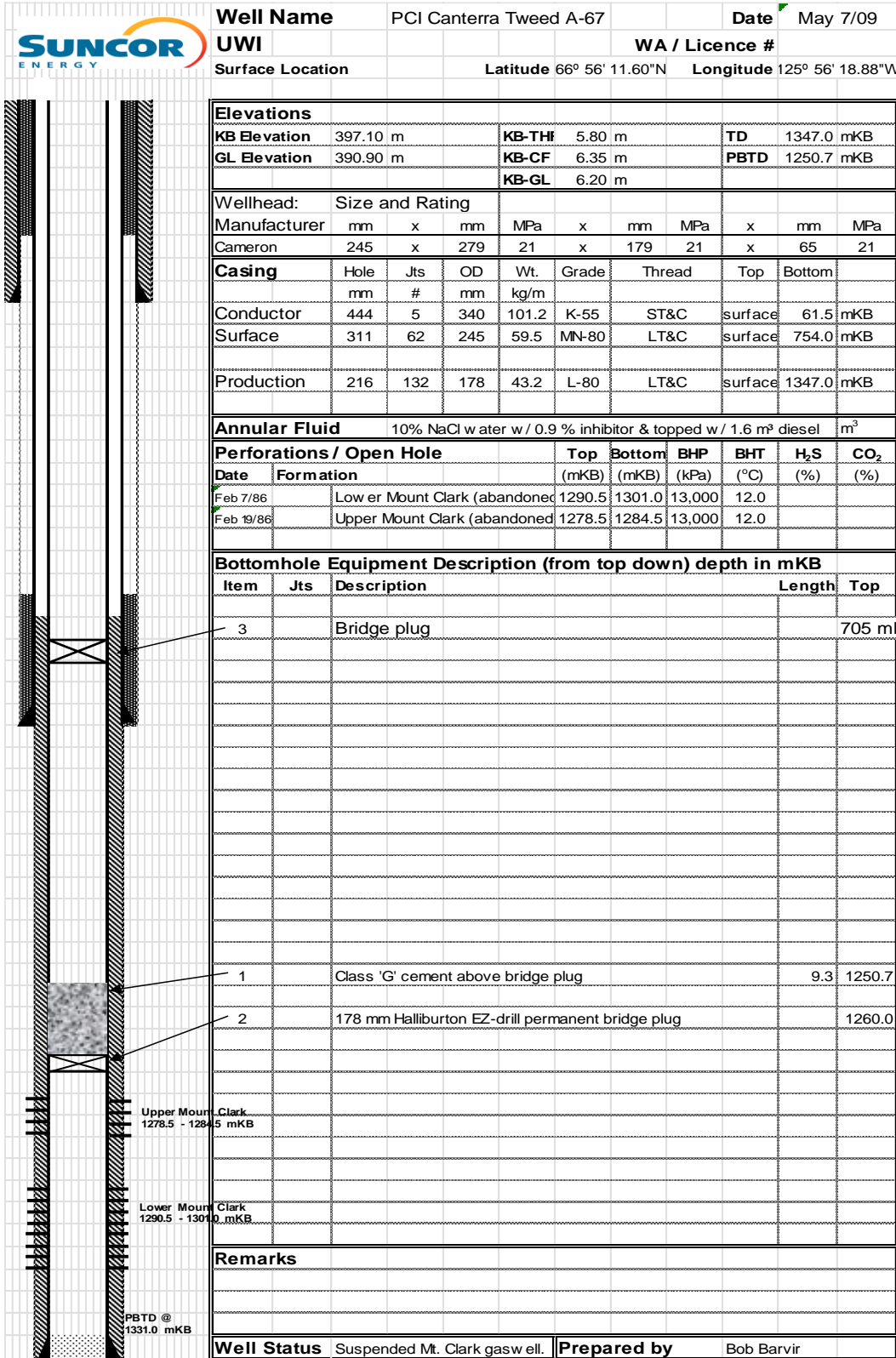
Bottomhole Equipment Description (from top down) depth in mKB				
Item	Jts	Description	Length	Top
8		Bridge plug		615 mKB
1		179 mm x 73 mm EUE Crown 'CTC-1A-EN' tubing hanger with 9.53 mm control line (plugged) and 63.5 mm BPV prep		
2		8 lineal meter cement cap	8.0	1179.8
3		178 mm 69 MPa permanent bridge plug		1187.8
4		Halliburton 'HD' on/off connector mandrel w/ 58.75 mm 'X' profile		
5		178 mm x 73 mm EUE Halliburton 'Versaset' retrievable packer with 'HNBR' elements	1.90	1196.00
6		3.0 m x 73 mm 9.7 kg/m L-80 EUE pup joint c/w two Owen 69 MPa premium permanent bridge plugs	3.09	
7		73 mm EUE x 58.75 mm Halliburton 'XN' nipple w/ 56.01 mm no-go with 58 mm no-go dart for setting bridge plug	0.39	1200.99
8		98.55 mm OD x 73 mm EUE wireline re-entry guide	0.15	
		Bottom of re-entry guide landed at		1201.53


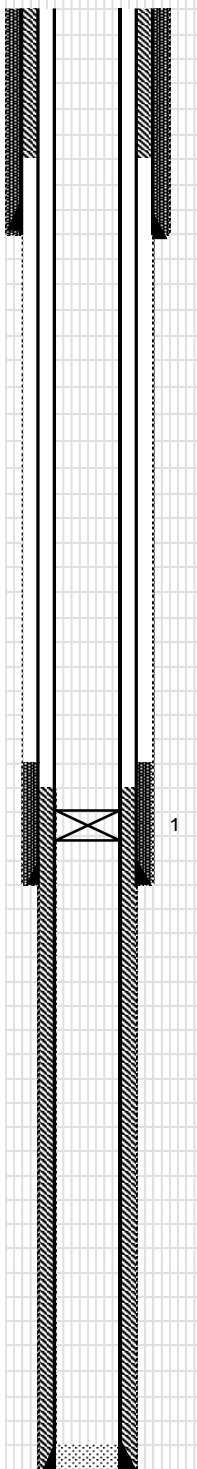
<b>Remarks</b>	Wellbore topped with 120 litres diesel for freeze protection.
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<b>Well Status</b>	Suspended gas well.	<b>Prepared by</b>	Bob Barvir
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	<b>Well Name</b>	SUNCOR et al BELE O-35			<b>Date</b>	Apr 10/20				
	<b>UWI</b>	300O356640126150			<b>WA / Licence #</b>	N85A469				
	<b>Surface Location</b>				<b>Latitude</b>	6° 34' 58.1357"		<b>Longitude</b>	26° 21' 32.1083"	
	<b>Elevations</b>									
	<b>KB Elevation</b>	397.76 m			<b>KB-THF</b>	m		<b>TD</b>	1384.0 mKB	
	<b>GL Elevation</b>	393.26 m			<b>KB-CF</b>	m		<b>PBTD</b>	mKB	
					<b>KB-GL</b>	4.50 m				
	<b>Wellhead: Size and Rating</b>									
	<b>Manufacturer</b>	mm	x	mm	MPa	x	mm	MPa	x	mm
	Cameron	245	x	279	21	x	179	21	x	65
	<b>Casing</b>									
		Hole	Jts	OD	Wt.	Grade	Thread	Top	Bottom	
		mm	#	mm	kg/m					
	Conductor	444	5	339.7	101.2	K-55	BT&C	surface	63.0 mKB	
	Surface	311	42	244.5	59.5	K-55	LT&C	surface	515.7 mKB	
		311	19	244.5	59.5	T-95	LT&C	515.66	739.0 mKB	
		311	62	244.5	59.5	K-55	LT&C	739.03	777.0 mKB	
	Production	216	117	177.8	43.2	MN-80	LT&C	surface	1384.3 mKB	
<b>Stage Collar</b> On the surface casing string								37.97 mKB		
<b>Heat / Siphon String</b>								mKB		
<b>Annular Fluid</b> 10% NaCl w water w / 0.9 % inhibitor & topped w / 1.6 m³ diesel								m³		
<b>Perforations / Open Hole</b>					<b>Top</b>	<b>Bottom</b>	<b>BHP</b>	<b>BHT</b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub>S</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Formation</b>				(mKB)	(mKB)	(kPa)	(°C)	(%)	(%)
<b>Bottomhole Equipment Description (from top down) depth in mKB</b>										
<b>Item</b>	<b>Jts</b>	<b>Description</b>							<b>Length</b>	<b>Top</b>
1		Bridge plug								700 m
<b>Remarks</b>										
<b>Well Status</b> Suspended					<b>Prepared by</b> Greg Heffel					

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## **2.5 BOP Configuration**

All three wells have been downhole suspended and previously pressure tested. The wells will be pressure tested to 7 MPa for 10 minutes before the wellheads are removed. With the knowledge that we have casing integrity and no pressure in the wellbore, it is proposed that no BOPs are installed. There will be a diverter and pack off for swabbing, therefore all fluids will be captured in holding tanks.

## **2.6 Wireline Logging requirements**

GR / Bond Log

At this time there are bond logs over the production casing on M-47 and A-67. These will be submitted to OROGO for their records. O-35 will require a bond log run to confirm meeting 6A requirements in OROGO's Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes.

## **3 Operational Outline**

The following is a high-level operational outline.

- The current expectation is to have a laydown yard in Colville Lake Area. Fluid storage and equipment will be moved up on the Q1 025 winter roads and placed in the laydown yard.
- Wireline unit will be flown to site from laydown yard and all associated equipment for the operation Q2 2025.
- Wellbores will be pressure tested to 7 MPa for 15 minutes. Pressure bled off after testing.
- Perform bond log on well O-35
- Install and pressure test bridge plug to 7MPa for 15 minutes
- Swabbing to the bridge plug to recover fluids.
- Bring in fresh water and pump back into the wellbore.
- Cut and cap wellbore for surface abandonment. The cut casing will be removed and a vented cap will be installed.

## 4 Appendices

The volumes to swabbed detailed in the table below:

Well Name	Depth to Swab	Volume to Depth
M-47	1179.8	23.1
M-47	615	12.0
A-67	1250.7	24.5
A-67	705	13.8
O-35	1380	27.0
O-35	700	13.7

Total volume in current configurations	74.6 m3
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Total volume with bridge plugs in place	39.5 m3
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### Heli Fuel Assumptions

Helicopter burn rate	400	l/hr												
Cruse Speed	220	Km/hr												
Sling Cruse Speed	120	Km/hr												
Range	650	Km/hr												
Operational Hrs / da	10	Hr												
	Distance To			Flight Time to		Ground Time		Total Time		Trips per day				
	Colville	Norman Wells		Colvile	Norman Wells	Colvile	Norman Wells	Colvile	Norman Wells	Colvile	Norman Wells			
M-47	15	190	Km	0.25	2.45	hr	0.5	1.25	hr	0.75	3.70	hrs	13.33	2.70
A-67	15	190	Km	0.25	2.45	hr	0.5	1.25	hr	0.75	3.70	hrs	13.33	2.70
O-35	45	160	Km	0.75	2.06	hr	0.5	1.25	hr	1.25	3.31	hrs	8.00	3.02
	Total number of flying days to remove wellbore fluid.			Total Days to fly and Set up Equipment		Fly Out equipment to Norman Wells		Total Fuel Burn for the Helicopter						
		Colville	Norman Wells	Colville	Norman Wells		Norman Wells	Colville	Norman Wells					
M-47	23.1	1.73	8.54	2	1.5		4	3.73	10.04					
M-47	12.0	0.90	4.45	2	1.5		4	2.90	5.95					
A-67	24.5	1.84	9.05	1.5	1.5		4	3.34	10.55					
A-67	13.8	1.03	5.10	1.5	1.5		4	2.53	6.60					
O-35	27.0	3.38	8.94	1.5	4		4	4.88	12.94					
O-35	13.7	1.71	4.53	1.5	4		4	3.21	8.53					
				Assume 10 hr flying days at 400 l/hr										
	Total Flying Days			Total Jet Fuel Require										
		Colville	Norman Wells	Colville	Norman Wells									
For the Entire Wellbo	22.89	43.03		91.54	172.12	m3								
For 1/2 Wellbore	16.30	27.15		65.20	108.62	m3								