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WELL IN A WETLAND

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As you are aware, there has been an ongoing issue of a gas well that was put into a major wetland at CFB Suffield (grid 279 901/LSD 02/07-27-17-5). This Base has, on numerous occasions, requested this well be removed. In his last correspondence at reference (enclosed), the former Base Commander stipulated this well was to be removed and the site remediated by 30 July 2005. To my utter disappointment, this removal and remediation has not occurred to date.

On a recent visit to this Department's Deputy Minister, EnCana highlighted some of the positive aspects of its environmental record and its desire to improve relations with CFB Suffield. I suggest that if EnCana is serious in both regards then it should comply with environmental law, and the Base Commander's environmental direction regarding the subject well. I would add that non-compliance in such issues will not be helpful in the National Wildlife Area Environmental Assessment process.

This issue has been ongoing for too long and is not in the spirit of cooperation. The well at grid 279 901/LSD 02/07-27-17-5 is to be removed by 1 October 2005 or I will close all EnCana access to CFB Suffield, except for maintenance purposes.

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