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WELL SETBACK DISTANCES

In rare situations, remedial work is necessary on an oil and gas well to eliminate or minimize the potential hazards in and around the well. Sufficient space is required by the crew and equipment for mobility and storage in order to perform the necessary tasks in a safe and optimal manner. Any permanent surface improvement or structure on or near the well that may impede remedial work are prohibited as per Schedule C (“Schedule C”) of the Drilling and Production Regulation (“Regulation”).

Definitions:

- **Abandoned well:** a well that is currently on Abandoned status, approved by the Mining, Oil and Gas / Petroleum Branch, in compliance with the abandonment requirements of the applicable version of the Regulation at the time of abandonment. Current Regulation requirements can be found in Sections 55 – 57, as well as Informational Notice 04-02.
- **Non-Abandoned Well:** a well that is not currently on Abandoned status.

Setback requirements:

A. For Abandoned well

A 50 meter setback due to reduced potential risks which can be attributed to the permanent mechanical or physical isolation of oil and gas zones; *or*

The minimum setback or space that can be achieved by providing only the essential number of crew and equipment by either rotation, reposition or any other method or combination that could provide sufficient space around the well.

B. For a Non-Abandoned Well;

A 75 meters setback as per Schedule C.

If you have any questions, please call 204-945-1119 or email petroleum@gov.mb.ca.

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