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Information Requirements for Geophysical Applications in Zone 1

We are requesting that any company proposing to do geophysical exploration work in Zone 1 provide us with the information requested in the enclosed form entitled *Proposed Seismic Operations in Zone 1*.

Zone 1 is the Prime Protection Area of the Eastern Slopes Policy and subsequent integrated resource management plans (IRPs). The boundaries of these zones can be determined by reviewing the IRPS, or, in cases where an IRP has not been established for a particular area, by reviewing the Government brochure, *A Policy for Resource Management of the Eastern Slopes Revised 1984*.

In accordance with the Eastern Slopes Policy and subsequent IRPs, oil and gas exploration will generally not be permitted in Zone 1. However, step-out drilling may be permitted in Zone 1 so that an oil or gas pool (discovered prior to 1977) can be developed to the point of recovering the resources in place. Geophysical activity may be permitted in Zone 1, on a very limited scale and under stringent operating conditions, where localized geophysical activity is required to determine a step-out location.

In order to assist us in our review to determine if your program qualifies as a step-out operation, we require you to complete the enclosed form.

Please note that all information provided to us will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

If the foregoing information can be submitted on the enclosed form, it will assist us in evaluating your application and provide a quicker program approval. If this information cannot be provided, please call Ralph Jamieson at 427-9519 to discuss the information that you have available.