

APPLICATION GUIDELINE FOR EXEMPTION OF INITIAL OR ANNUAL POOL PRESSURE TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Exemption from initial reservoir pressure testing of a well, or annual representative testing of a pool, may be granted, under section 4(1)(z) of the Drilling and Production Regulation (the Regulation) in cases where; an alternative well provides a measure of the current reservoir pressure, an adequate pressure history exists, wells have low productivity, and/or there are few remaining reserves.

The annual testing requirement may be modified to an interval of two or more years, or a total exemption may be granted in some cases. For a listing of pools with non-annual testing approvals, please see [Table 1–Pools With Non-Annual Pressure Survey Approval](#), posted on our website.

In [Schedule 2](#) unconventional zones, initial pressure exemption may not be required. The Initial pressure requirement does not apply with respect to a well completed in an unconventional zone listed in [Schedule 2](#) if the commission has released, under section 17 of the Oil and Gas Activities Act General Regulation, well reports and well data that include a static bottom hole pressure measurement from the same unconventional zone within a 4 km radius measured from the wellhead of the well.

The application for modification of the initial or annual pool pressure testing requirement should contain, when applicable:

- A reference location map;
- A tabular pressure history for each well in the pool;
- A graphical pressure history for the pool;
- A production rate history by well/pool;
- The reserves and cumulative production for the pool;
- Letters of support from other pool operators;
- The proposed testing modification.

Application may be submitted to the Reservoir Engineering Department of the BC Oil and Gas Commission in Victoria at the address noted below.