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To:

Interested Parties

From:

Area Geothermal Supervisor

Subject:

Supplemental Plans of Operation, Shell Oil Company, Multiple Well Drill Sites H and I - Federal Lease CA-950, and Multiple Well Drill Sites J, K, L, M, P, and Q - Federal Lease CA-949, Geysers-Calistoga KGRA, Lake and Sonoma Counties, California

(Ref: 1760 CA-950 POO Drill Site H and I EA#80)

(Ref: 1760 CA-949 POO Drill Site J, K, L, M, P, Q EA#95)

Shell Oil Company has submitted two Supplements to a previously approved Plan of Operation (approved September 6, 1974), in accordance with 30 CFR 270.34, to construct multiple well drill sites H, I, J, K, L, M, P, and Q, on Federal Leases CA-949 and CA-950, in the Geysers-Calistoga KGRA, Lake and Sonoma Counties, California. Enclosed are copies of the Supplements.

Environmental Analyses #80 and #95 will be prepared for the proposed action by the office of the Area Geothermal Supervisor for multiple well drill sites H and I, and J, K, L, M, P, and Q, respectively.

You are invited to participate in a field inspection led by Ted Hudson, Santa Rosa District Geothermal Supervisor, USGS, on January 11, 1978. Participants are asked to meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Union '76' service station in Middletown, California.

All comments concerning the proposed action must be received no later than January 25, 1978, by:

Area Geothermal Supervisor Conservation Division U.S. Geological Survey 345 Middlefield Road MS 92 Menlo Park, California 94025

We urge you to send written commentary and will appreciate hearing from you even if you are of the opinion that the existing regulations, lease terms, and operational orders provide adequate environmental protection.

OBBRECHT OF DEAT BESEARTH MOTERTS. BANTO STEELS 102. Further, we solicit your comments and suggestions on the proposed action even though you may not be able to participate in the inspection. All comments will be given serious consideration in the preparation of the environmental analysis and any subsequent conditions of approval thereafter.

Draft Environmental Analyses (EA#80, Drill Sites H and I, and EA#95, Drill Sites J, K, L, M, P, and Q) will be sent to interested parties for review and comment. The surface managing agency, the lessee, GEAP, and USFWS will receive a copy of the completed EA. Other interested parties will not receive a copy of the final EA unless such parties comment on the proposed action in writing or request a copy of the particular EA pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Copies of Environmental Analyses are available for inspection during normal business hours at the Area Geothermal Supervisor's Office and the Santa Rosa District Geothermal Supervisor's Office, as well as the appropriate BLM, District Manager's Office, and the State Director, BLM Office.

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INTERESTED PARTIES EA'S #80 and #95 Geysers-Calistoga KGRA Lake and Sonoma Counties, California

Shell Oil Company Plan of Operation:

Multiple Well Drill Site H, & I, (Federal Lease CA-950) EA#80 Multiple Well Drill Site J, K, L, M, P, & Q (Federal Lease CA-949) EA#95

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Subject File 1760 CA-949 POO DS J, K, L, M, P, & Q EA #95
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SUPPLEMENT TO
APPROVED PLAN OF OPERATION
UNITED STATES GEOTHERMAL LEASE
SERIAL NO. CA-950
DRILLSITE-H
DRILLSITE-I

SHELL OIL COMPANY

WESTERN DIVISION
WEST COAST OPERATIONS OFFICE
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

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- "B" Proposed Drillsite Layout and Construction Detail, Shell-U.S. Geothermal Lease CA-949, Drillsite E.
- "C" Construction Specifications, Site-I.
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- Environmental Impact Report, refer to the <u>Environmental Impact Analysis</u>, Shell Oil Company, USGR Lease Two (CA-950), Drill Site G, Sonoma County, California, by Ecoview previously submitted.

SUPPLEMENT TO APPROVED PLAN OF OPERATION UNITED STATES GEOTHERMAL LEASE

Serial No. CA-950

Further to the Shell Oil Company Proposed Plan of Operation, United States Geothermal Lease, Serial No. CA-950, submitted July 24, 1974, and approved September 6, 1974, covering construction of an access road, drillsite and the drilling of one exploratory well, Shell hereby submits a supplement to the approved plan delineating construction of an additional drillsites and the drilling of exploratory wells. Shell anticipates drilling up to five geothermal wells from each location.

A map designated "EXHIBIT A" showing the topography of the subject leased land and the surrounding area is attached. This map is a revised version of the "EXHIBIT A" submitted with the approved Plan of Operation for Lease CA-950. Actual location of the completed access road and drillsites are shown along with the proposed sites and wells.

I. Drill Site Construction.

A. Site H

- Shell proposes to build a drillsite hereafter to be known as Site H on U.S. Lease No. CA-950. The coordinates of this proposed site are 1,295.4M (4,250 feet) West and 1,920.2M (6,300 feet) South of the Northeast section corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State coordinates are 540,332.7M (1,790,363.2 feet) East and 119,753.2M (392,890.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- 2. The site is situated adjacent to the existing Pine Flat Road, see "EXHIBIT A". This road is believed to have been built several years ago as access to mining claims and has been maintained by the Bureau of Land Management because of its locale on Federal lands. Plans are to up-grade this road from proposed Site I, it's entire length South, to where it ends near Big Sulphur Creek. Improvements will be in width, grade, drainage, and stability maintaining existing roadway where practical. Further plans are to construct a new road connecting Pine Flat Road to Drillsite A across Big Sulphur Creek to be known as Sulphur Creek Crossing. Construction designs and plans will follow when an alignment is picked.

B. Site I

Shell proposes to build a second drillsite hereafter to be known as Site I on U.S. Lease No. CA-950. The coordinates of this proposed site are 1,981.2M (6,500 feet) West and 762.0M (2,500 feet) South of the Northeast section corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding

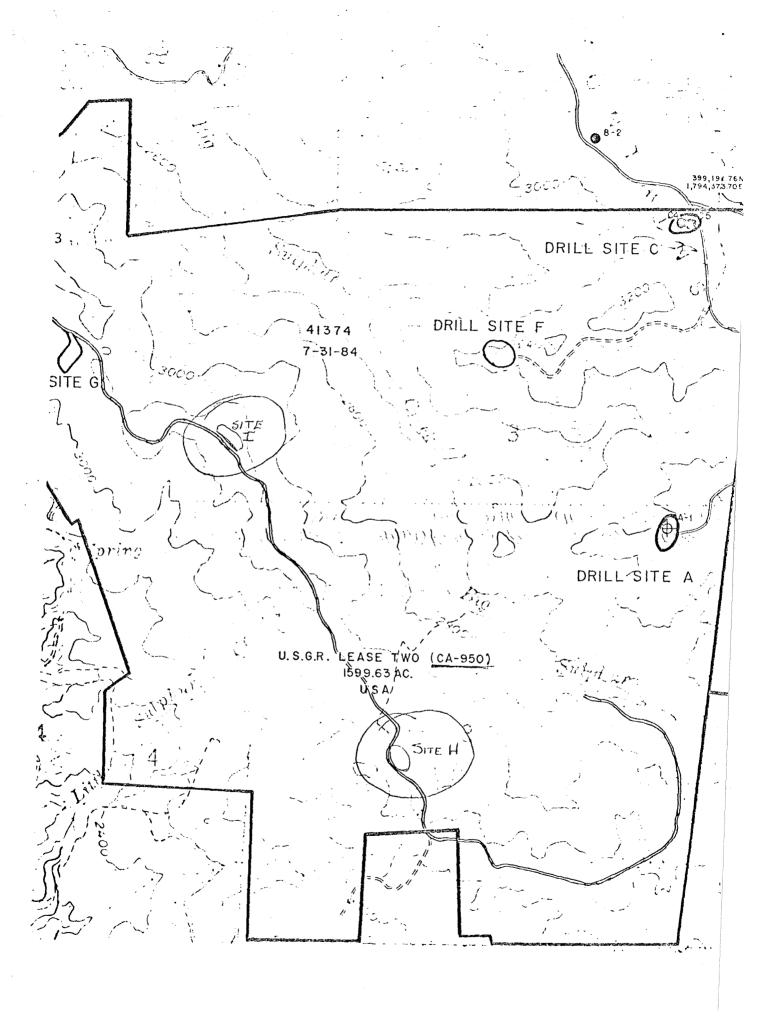
California State coordinates are 545,018.0M (1,788,113.2 feet) East and 120,911.5M (396,690.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

- 2. The site is situated adjacent to the existing Pine Flat Road, see "EXHIBIT A". Plans are to up-grade this road from Site G to Site I. Improvements will be in width, grade, drainage, and stability maintaining existing roadway where practical.
- C. Retaining levees or berms will be constructed along the periphery of the drillsites to direct runoff water away from fill slopes into natural drainage courses. To further protect the drillsites, interceptor ditches will be provided above any cut slope. Only that rain falling directly on the disposal sumps or fluid created by drilling, i.e., drill mud, muffler effluent, etc., will be channeled to the disposal sumps.
- D. The sumps will be constructed with a two foot thick clay liner whose permeability will not exceed 1 x 10⁻⁶ cm/sec, compacted to 95 percent of maximum density and keyed to prevent slippage. The sumps will be used for the disposal of drilling effluent from the proposed wells, and future wells from these locations. Upon completion of the disposal sumps use, all liquids will be removed by solar evaporation or other appropriate methods. With only solid waste material remaining, the sumps will be filled in, compacted to a degree specified by a Soils Engineer, graded, and reseeded with native vegetation to minimize possibility of erosion. Furthermore, all surface drainage will be directed away from the immediate area of the sumps to minimize seepage and erosion.
- E. Water for construction, drilling, and all associated operations will be obtained by trucking from outside commercial sources.
- F. All construction standards and practices will conform to those set forth in the approved Plan of Operation, United States Geothermal Lease, Serial No. CA-950, approved September 6, 1974, and the attached Construction Specifications, "EXHIBIT C".
- G. Construction activities are anticipated to begin approximately April 15, 1978, and/or as soon as approval can be acquired.
- II. Protection of the Environment.

See Plan of Operation, United States Geothermal Lease, Serial No. CA-950, approved September 6, 1974, pages 5, 6, and 7.

III. Drilling Prognosis.

Refer to the Exploration Model Drilling Plan of Operations and Attachments, Geysers Area, United States Geothermal Lease, Serial No. CA-949 and CA-950, approved February 17, 1977, for Shell-U.S. Geothermal (CA-949) D-7 (24A-2) to fulfill this section.



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SUPPLEMENT TO APPROVED PLAN OF OPERATION UNITED STATES GEOTHERMAL LEASE

Serial No. CA-949

Further to the Shell Oil Company Proposed Plan of Operation, United States Geothermal Lease, Serial No. CA-949, submitted July 24, 1974, and approved September 6, 1974, covering construction of an access road, drill-site and the drilling of one exploratory well, Shell hereby submits a supplement to the approved plan delineating construction of six additional drillsites and the drilling of up to five geothermal wells per location.

A map designated "EXHIBIT A" showing the topography of the subject leased land and the surrounding area is attached. This map is a revised version of the "EXHIBIT A" submitted with the approved Plan of Operation for Lease CA-949. Actual location of the completed access roads and drillsites are shown along with the proposed site and well.

I. Drillsite Construction

- A. At this time, Shell proposed to build six additional drillsites on Lease No. CA-949. These drillsites will be known as J, K, L, M, P, and Q, coordinates given below. If a replacement for one of these preferred drillsites is needed, Shell is also submitting Drillsites K_1 , K_2 , M_1 , M_2 , P_1 , and Q_1 .
 - 1. The coordinates of Drillsite J are 832.1M (2,730 feet) East, 1,703.8M (5,590 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State Coordinates are 547,831.3M (1,797,343.2 feet) East and 119,969.7M (393,600.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
 - 2. The coordinates of Drillsite K are 2,439.3M (8,180 feet) East, 1,649.8M (5,380 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State Coordinates are 549,492.5M (1,802,793.2 feet) East and 120,033.7M (393,810.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
 - 3. The coordinates of Drillsite L are 2,612.1M (8,570 feet) East, 1,066.8M (3,500 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State Coordinates are 549,611.3M (1,803,183.2 feet) East and 120,606.7M (395,690.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
 - 4. The coordinates of Drillsite M are 2,734.lM (8,970 feet) East, 335.3M (1,100 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State Coordinates are 549,733.3M (1,803,583.2 feet) East and 121,338.2M (398,090.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

- 5. The coordinates of Drillsite P are 1,621.5M (5,320 feet) East, 323.1M (1,060 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State coordinates are 548,620.7M (1,799,933.2 feet) East and 121,350.4M (398,130.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- 6. The coordinates of Drillsite Q are 832.1M (2,730 feet) East, 295.7M (970 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State coordinates are 547,831.8M (1,797,343.2 feet) East and 121,377.8M (398,220.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- 7. The coordinates of Drillsite K₁are 2,365.3M (7,760 feet) East, 1,478.3M (4,850 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State coordinates are 549,364.5M (1,802,373.2 feet) East and 120,195.2M (394,340.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- 8. The coordinates of Drillsite K₂ are 2,328.7M (7,640 feet) East, 1,594.1M (5,230 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State coordinates are 549,327.9M (1,802,253.2 feet) East and 120,079.4M (393,960.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- The coordinates of Drillsite M₁ are 2,728.0M (8,950 feet) East, 792.5M (2,600 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State coordinates are 549,727.2M (1,803,563.2 feet) East and 120,881.0M (396,590.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- 10. The coordinates of Drillsite M₂ are 2,734.1M (8,970 feet) East, 530.4M (1,740 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State coordinates are 549,733.3M (1,803,583.2 feet) East and 121,143.1M (397,450.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- 11. The coordinates of Drillsite P₁ are 1,481.3M (4,860 feet) East, 551.7M (1,810 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State coordinates are 548,480.5M (1,799,473.2 feet) East and 121,121.8M (397,380.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- 12. The coordinates of Drillsite Q₁ are 832.1M (2,730 feet) East, 545.6M (1,790 feet) South of the Northeast Section Corner of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 West. The corresponding California State coordinates are 547,831.8M (1,797,343.2 feet) East and 121,127.9M (397,400.4 feet) North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

- B. Approximately 4.2 miles of new roads will be needed to provide access to these proposed locations. Drillsite J will be serviced by a road following the approximate alignment of the fire road branching off the Ridge Road some 1500 feet West of Drillsite B. The remaining Drillsites (K, L, M, P, and Q) will be reached by an extention of the Ridge Road off Drillsite E. The alignment of this road will be based on the final site selection.
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