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December 1, 2008

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Region IV
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Attention: Marty Rinado

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RE: **NRC Radioactive Materials License Number 17-27623-01**
Abandonment of Radioactive Sources

This notice is being furnished to describe the final abandonment of two (2) radioactive sources associated with LWD well-logging activities as described in the referenced license.

Date of Occurrence:	7 November 2008
Company Name:	W & T Offshore, Inc. 9 Greenway Plaza Suite 300 Houston, TX 77046
Well Name:	OCS-G-26168 A-6 API # 17-72440-942-00
Well Location (surface):	Lat. 29.16.9.7799 N - Lon. 88.14.14.9978 W 2987007.7500 X, 232512.5625 Y Main Pass Block 279 Offshore Louisiana (Federal Waters)
Depth of Well:	11,285' md 9874' tvd
Bottom of Fish:	5834' md 5252' tvd
Depth of 8.0 Curie Am-241Be Source	5785' md 5194' tvd
Depth of 1.7 Curie Cs-137 Source:	5793' md 5200' tvd

Depth of Top Fish: 5484' md
4956' tvd

Depth of Top of Cement Plug : 4805' md
4420' tvd

Depth of Bottom Cement Plug : Below 5484' md
Below 4956' tvd

Description of Sources: One 1.7 Curie Cs-137, Doubly Encapsulated, Special Form,
Well Logging Sealed Source
Serial Number: 5135 GW
Amersham Model CDC.CY6

One 8.0 Curie Am-241Be, Doubly Encapsulated, Special Form,
Well Logging Sealed Source
Serial Number: DNS-067
Gammatron AN-HP

While pulling out of the hole on 28 October 2008, for a wiper trip the drill pipe became stuck at a bit depth of 5834' MD – 5252' TVD. From 28 October to 7 November 2008 several attempts were made to recover the stuck pipe and sealed logging sources. Attempts to free the drill pipe included jarring, spotting lubricating pills, backing off the drill pipe, running free point logs and the use of fishing tools to get it out of the hole. On 7 November 2008 it was apparent that the drill string was not going to come out of the hole.

Ms Vivian Campell (NRC – Region IV) was notified on November 7, 2008 at 2:30 PM and given details of the abandonment plan, which included 301' of drill pipe left above the sources to act as a mechanical deflection device and prevent inadvertent intrusion on the sources. A 679' cement plug was pumped in and around the BHA to seal it in place. Ms Campell gave a verbal approval with the agreement that a formal report would be filed within 30 days of the abandonment.

A sidetracked well is planned to be drilled. The sidetrack well is planned **not** to come within 15 ft of the sources.

You will also find attached a diagram of the well showing the depth of the sources and a sheet showing the information contained on the permanent identification plaque that will be supplied to W & T Offshore, Inc.

If you need additional information or have any questions please contact me at the letterhead address.

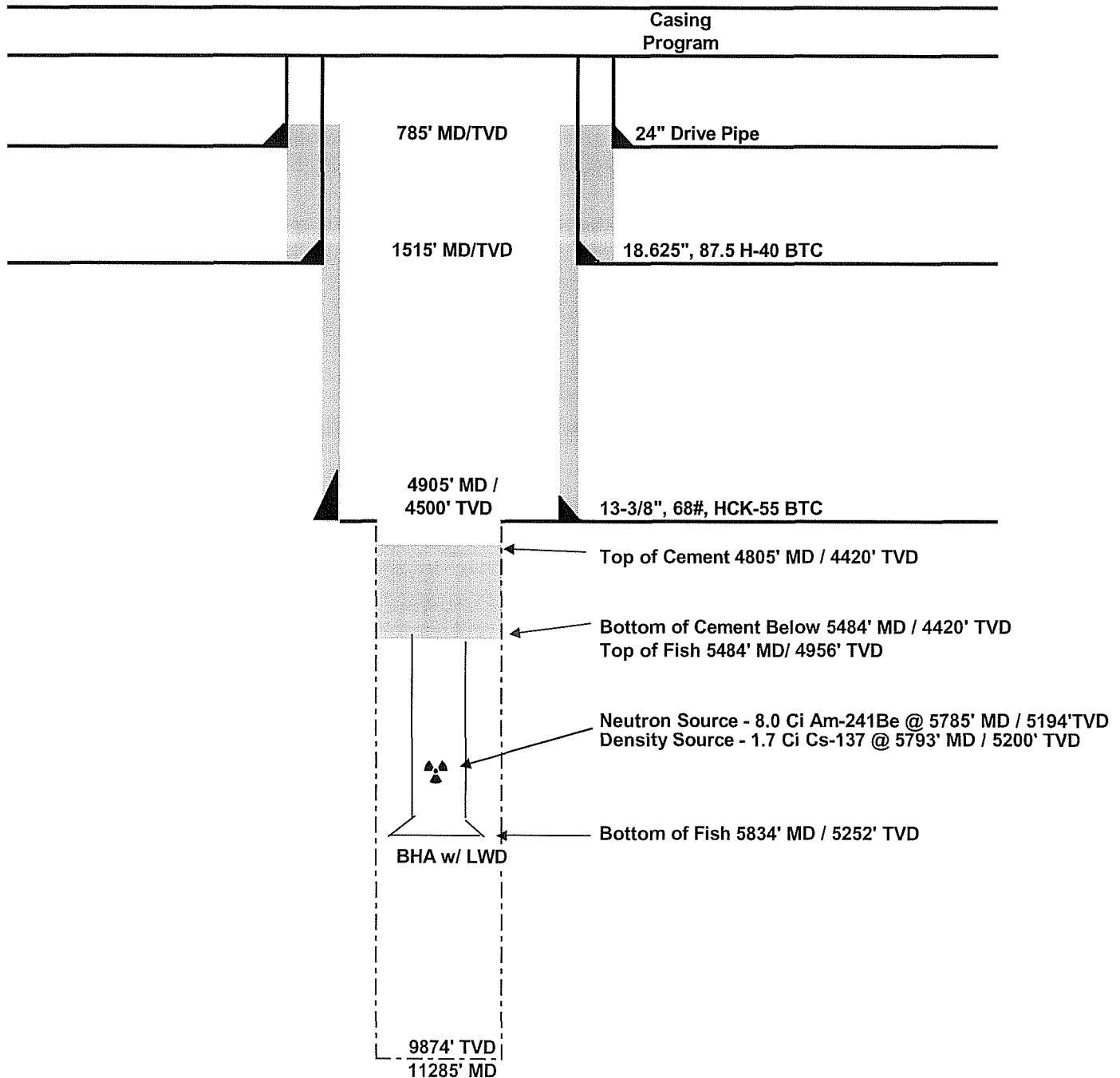
Sincerely,


James Bolling
Regional Radiation Safety Officer

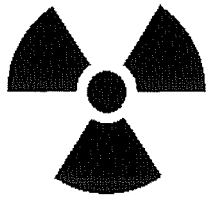
ENC: Facsimile of Abandonment Plaque
Well Diagram

CC: Mike Castille – V.P. North America LWD Operations
A.J. Broussard – M/LWD Operations Manager
John Aslakson – W & T Offshore, Inc.
Andrew Neil – Corporate RSO Pathfinder Energy Services

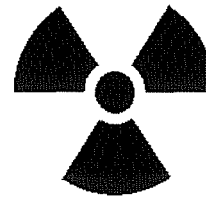
W & T Offshore, Inc
OCS-G 26168 A-6
Main Pass Block 279
WELLBORE SCHEMATIC



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HOUSTON, TX
WELL: OCS-G - 26168 A-6
API 17-72440-942-00
LOCATION: MAIN PASS BLOCK 279
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CAUTION



**ONE 1.7 CURIE Cs-137 AND ONE 8.0 CURIE AM-241BE
RADIOACTIVE SEALED SOURCES ABANDONED ON
7 NOVEMBER 2008 @ 5785 FT MD (5194 FT TVD)
PLUGBACK DEPTH 4805 FT MD (4420 FT TVD)**

**DO NOT RE-ENTER THIS WELL
BEFORE CONTACTING
US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE**