

Date: October 16, 2014

To: All Owners and Operators

From: Mark Watson, Oil and Gas Supervisor

Re: Administrative Approvals for Horizontal Wells

The WOGCC has recently experienced an increase in applications for permit to drill (APD) horizontal wells as indicated by the number of horizontal APD's received in September (800), which is double the number received in August. In order to reduce the burden on the staff and keep the approval process efficient, we will no longer write an approval letter for the administrative process and will instead stamp the letter of request from the operator to drill a horizontal well as approved or denied and a copy of this letter will be returned to the operator with the receipt. I would also encourage all operators to submit the administrative request to drill a horizontal well along with the APD instead of separately.