



# Shell Canada Energy

**Unipkat I-22**

## *2014 Monitoring and Maintenance Program Summary Report*



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Dear Ms. Semmler:

**Unipkat I-22**  
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IEG Consultants Ltd. is pleased to submit the 2014 Monitoring and Maintenance Program Summary Report on behalf of Shell Canada Energy.

If you have any questions, please call the undersigned at (403) 730-6809.

Yours truly,  
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## 1 BACKGROUND

The Unipkat I-22 wellsite (Site) was an exploration natural gas well drilled by Shell Canada Ltd. (Shell) in 1972 and 1973. The well was originally spudded on September 8, 1972 and the drilling rig was released on March 6, 1973. Drilling was completed at the Site under Indian and Northern Affairs Canada land use license N72A088. The drilling sump was constructed on July 29, 1972, enlarged during drilling operations, and capped April 3, 1972.

Shell conducted a drilling sump remediation program at the Site between February and April 2011. The Site is located within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, along the eastern bank of Arvoknar Channel, southwest of the Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary. The closest community is Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories (NT).

As part of the remedial program, a Type “B” water licence was granted by the Northwest Territories Water Board (NWTWB). Licence N7L1-1831 required that a Site monitoring and sampling program, approved by the NWTWB, be conducted in 2012 and 2013. IEG Consultants Ltd. (IEG) submitted a Site monitoring and sampling plan in June 2011 to the NWTWB for review, and approval was granted in February 2012. A Site Monitoring and Sampling program was conducted at the Site in 2012 (IEG, 2012) and 2013 (IEG, 2013).

Based on the 2013 visual inspection, the backfilled former drilling sump area and shoreline exhibited signs of erosion where sloughing resulted in soil loss (IEG, 2013). A monitoring and maintenance program to monitor Site conditions and conduct Site maintenance was suggested during discussions with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (now Government of Northwest Territories) in December 2013. This report summarizes the monitoring and maintenance activities conducted at the Site in 2014.

## 2 OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORK

The objective of the 2014 Monitoring and Maintenance Program was to monitor Site conditions and conduct Site maintenance. The scope of work included the following:

- mobilization to Site;
- conduct a visual inspection of the Site;
- promote slope stabilization of the eroding river bank with willow staking;
- reseed bare areas and cover with coconut matting;
- collect Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates of the shoreline;
- demobilization from Site; and,
- preparation and submission of a report summarizing the 2014 Site activities.

### 3 VISUAL INSPECTION

One IEG personnel and three Northwind Industries personnel mobilized to Site from Camp Farewell via boat on August 12, 2014.

IEG personnel conducted a visual inspection of the Site and collected data including:

- observations of: subsidence, erosion or frost action, potential seepage, areas of water pooling or discharge, shoreline stability, soil staining, vegetation stress, and odours; and,
- photographic evidence of the inspection.

The backfilled former drilling sump area and shoreline exhibited signs of erosion where sloughing has resulted in soil loss (Appendix I; Photographs 1 and 2). At the section of shoreline observed to have the greatest degree of erosion, the shoreline has eroded approximately 3 m since August 2013, approximately 12 m since June 2012, and approximately 16 m since June 2011. Cracks in the earth were observed approximately 10 m back from the bank (Appendix I; Photograph 3).

At the time of the assessment, vegetation appeared to be establishing on the majority of the backfill cap and appeared to be more sparse west, north, and east of the backfill cap (Appendix I; Photographs 1-5).

Odours were not noted and signs of subsidence, staining, seepage, water pooling, or cap failure were not observed.

### 4 SITE MAINTENANCE

Site maintenance activities conducted on August 12, 2014 involved planting approximately thirty willow stakes along the riverbank to assist with slope stabilization (Appendix I; Photographs 1, 2, and 4). In addition, areas of sparse vegetation were reseeded with a native seed mix and covered with coconut matting (Appendix I; Photographs 7 to 11).

GPS coordinates of the current shoreline of the Arvoknar Channel adjacent to the Site were collected (Figure 1).

### 5 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the 2014 visual inspection, the backfilled former drilling sump area and shoreline exhibited signs of erosion, however the rate of erosion was less than half the distance measured in 2013 and appears to be stabilizing. At the section of shoreline observed to have the greatest degree of erosion, the shoreline has eroded approximately 3 m since August 2013, approximately 12 m since June 2012, and approximately 16 m since June 2011. Vegetation was noted to be establishing on the majority of the backfill cap.

Odours were not noted and signs of subsidence, staining, seepage, water pooling, or cap failure were not observed.

## 6 CLARIFICATIONS OF THIS REPORT

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## 7 CLOSING

We trust this report meets your approval and satisfies your current needs. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned at (403) 730-6809.

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## REFERENCES

IEG Consultants Ltd. (IEG), 2012. Unipkat I-22 2012 Monitoring and Sampling Program. September 2012.

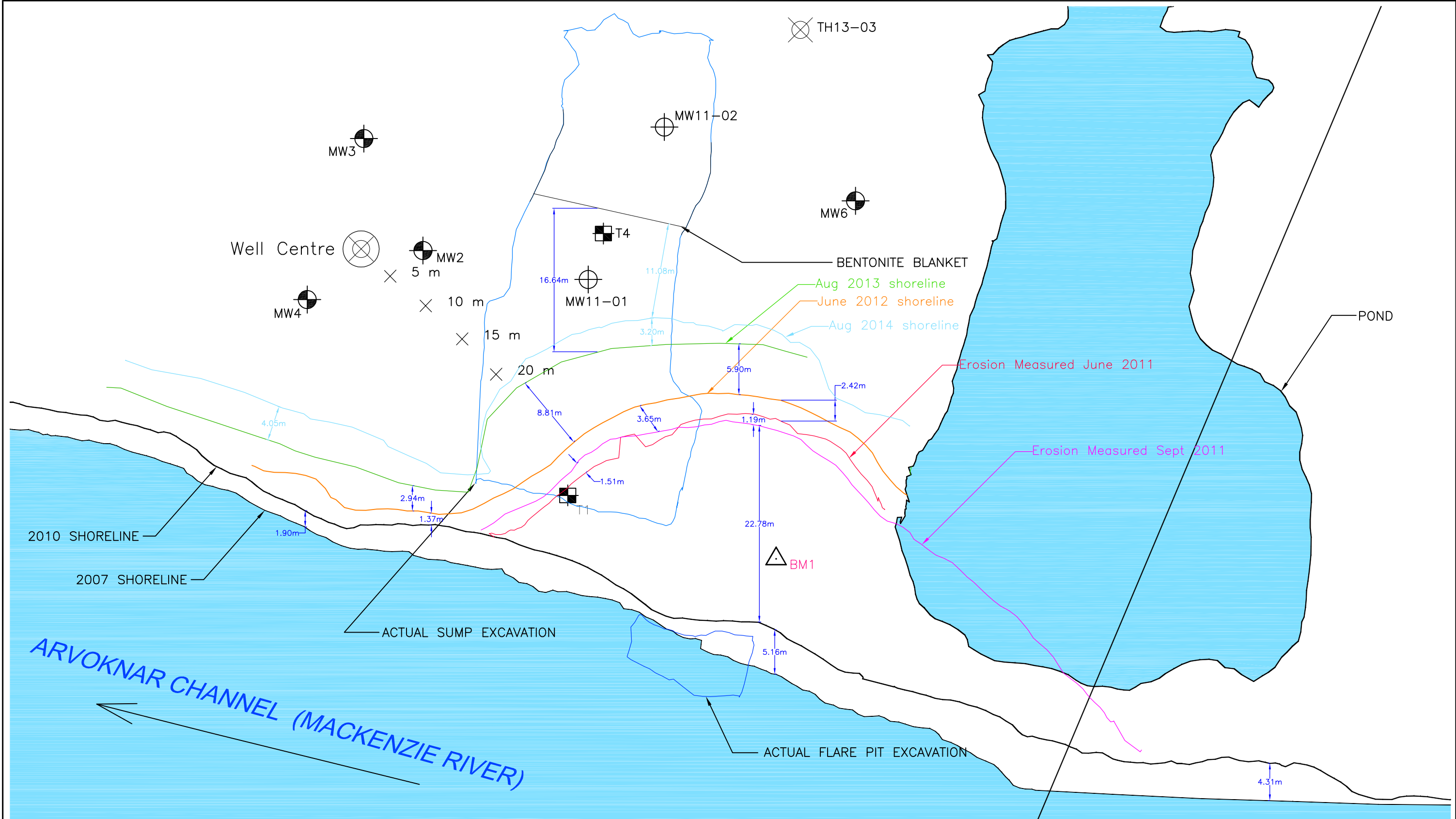
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## FIGURES

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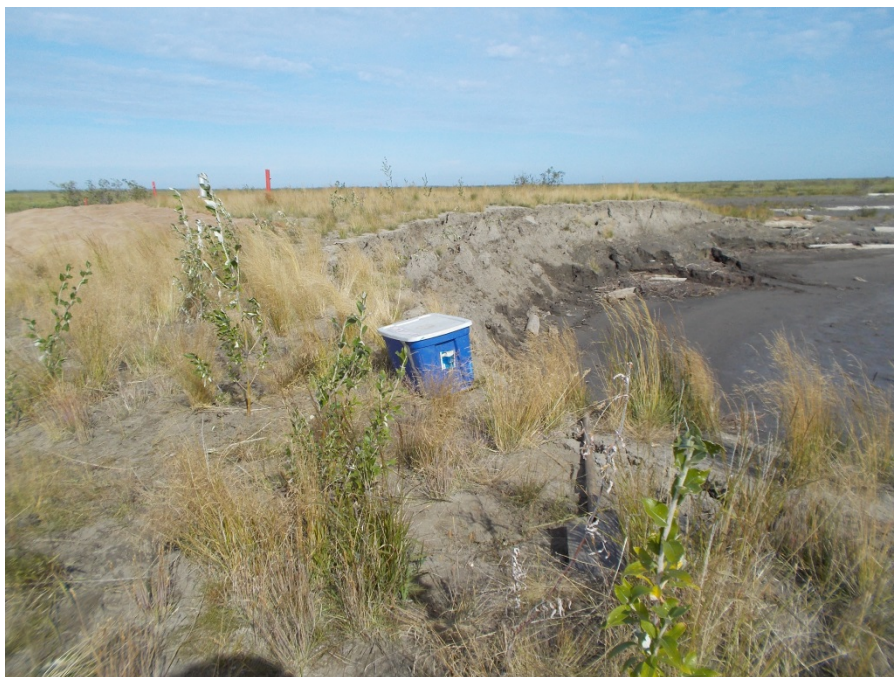
# APPENDIX I

## Site Photographs

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**Photograph 1: Vegetation establishing on the backfill cap and willow staking (August 12, 2014).**



**Photograph 2: Shoreline and willow staking (August 12, 2014).**



**Photograph 3: Vegetation establishing on backfill cap. Cracks observed approximately 10 m back from the bank (August 12, 2014).**



**Photograph 4: Vegetation establishing on the backfill cap and willow staking (August 12, 2014).**



**Photograph 5: Area of sparse vegetation on western and northern portion of the backfill cap (August 12, 2014).**



**Photograph 6: Area of sparse vegetation west of the backfill cap (August 12, 2014).**



**Photograph 7: Coconut matting staked down over area of sparse vegetation west of the backfill cap (August 12, 2014).**



**Photograph 8: Coconut matting staked down over area of sparse vegetation on western portion of the backfill cap (August 12, 2014).**



**Photograph 9: Coconut matting staked down over area of sparse vegetation on western and northern portion of backfill cap (August 12, 2014).**





**Photograph 10: Coconut matting staked down over area of sparse vegetation on northern portion of the backfill cap (August 12, 2014).**



**Photograph 11: Coconut matting staked down over area of sparse vegetation east of the backfill cap (August 12, 2014).**