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## **Navigo Energy Continues to Demonstrate its Environmental Commitment in the Hay-Zama Wildland Park**

Following consultation with environmental groups, Dene Tha' First Nation, and Alberta Community Development (Parks and Protected Areas), Navigo Energy has agreed to abandon two additional oil wells in the Hay-Zama Complex and to surrender some subsurface leases that it recently had acquired. The oil wells will be phased out over the next year.

Navigo is in the final phases of exploration and development in the Hay-Zama Complex and is using 3-D seismic to better define oil-bearing structures that it can access from existing wellsites.

In recognition of Navigo's environmental performance, and their offer to abandon two oil wells well in advance of the target date, the Hay-Zama Committee recommended allowing additional surface access for seismic so that Navigo could gather essential data. The information will assist in the orderly phase-out of energy production activities in the complex.

Navigo continues to demonstrate its environmental leadership in the Complex and has willingly agreed to complete all drilling activities by 2005 from existing well pad footprints.

Cliff Wallis, President of Alberta Wilderness Association, is very pleased with the commitment shown by Navigo to environmental protection in the complex: "Navigo continues to be a leader among energy companies," says Wallis. "It has met or exceeded AWA's expectations for environmental performance and for the phase out of petroleum production in this internationally significant wetland complex. We are hopeful that the Hay-Zama Committee process might serve as a model to guide the phase out of non-conforming uses from other proposed and existing protected areas in Alberta."

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