

An Integrated Approach To Effective Well Decommissioning From Wells and Subsurface

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Integrated Approach Collaboration between Subsurface and Wells



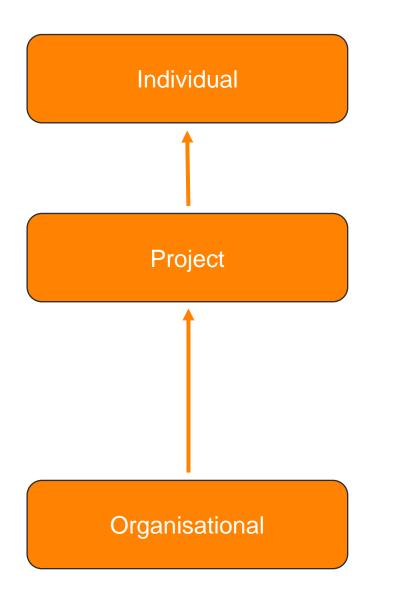
In 2022, we launched a **new wells P&A operating model** and that was to enable to our ability to manage the upcoming wave of decommissioning activity.

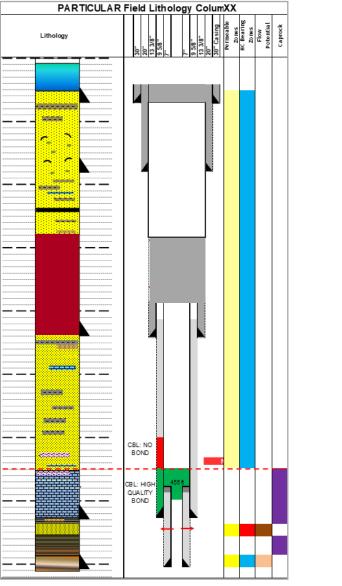
We intend to address this opportunity via campaign strategy for platform P&A, sub-sea P&A and facilities removals scope (versus standalone project delivery) that will **utilise the resources optimally** and in the most cost-efficient manner.

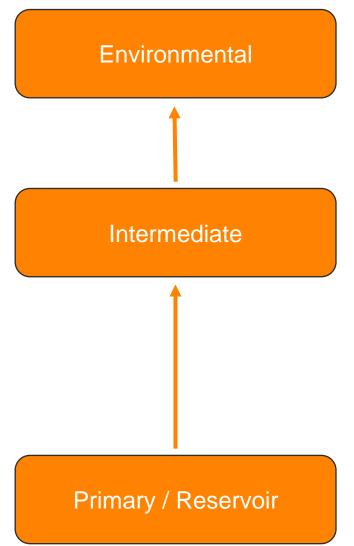
We are committed to ensuring that our wells and production facilities are decommissioned safely, **responsibly and efficiently** at the end of their economic life.

Understanding Barriers

Both technical and organisational









Challenges across the basin

Common challenges highlighted by the Industry

Decommisioning Projects

- Decommissioning seen as not value-adding
- Focus shifting back onto revenue-generating projects in higher oil price environment
- Preparing for the decommissioning "wave"
- Focusing attention on projects to realise efficiency (taking a portfolio approach)
- While being opportunistic

Organisational

- Understanding resource requirements
- Allocation of talent
- Decommissioning as a career
- Maintaining expertise throughout project
- Keeping corporate knowledge
- Communication



Ensuring functional excellence and collaboration in Well P&A



We have launched a new P&A operating model to enable to our ability to manage the upcoming wave of decommissioning activity.

- integrated, dedicated teams considering wells, subsurface and decom
- maintaining functional excellence and technical oversight

We will liquidate the "decom opportunity" via campaigns of Wells P&A (platform/sub-sea), engineering down and clean (EDC), and facilities removals scope (versus standalone project delivery).

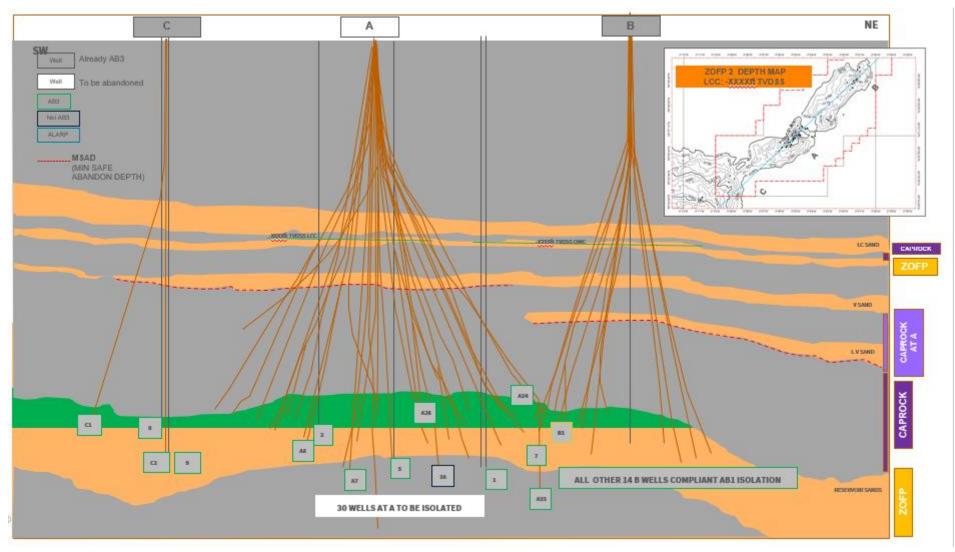
- recognise the required timelines
- have the appropriate number of people, from the right departments, in place throughout

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Identifying the Subsurface and Wells challenges

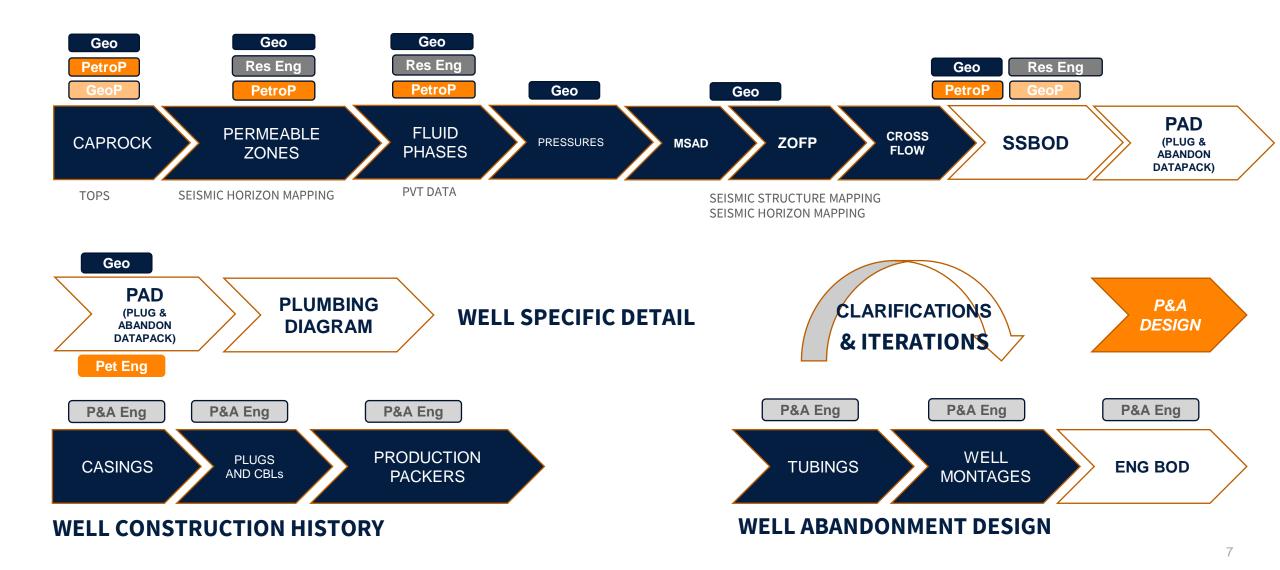


Required the development of an integrated workflow



Collaboration and development of an Integrated workflow





Resulting in improved operating practices



Improved Plug and Abandonment Data Packs

Working collaboratively and cross functionally, an integrated approach is taken to complete the Subsurface Basis of Design and Well Abandonment Basis of Design.

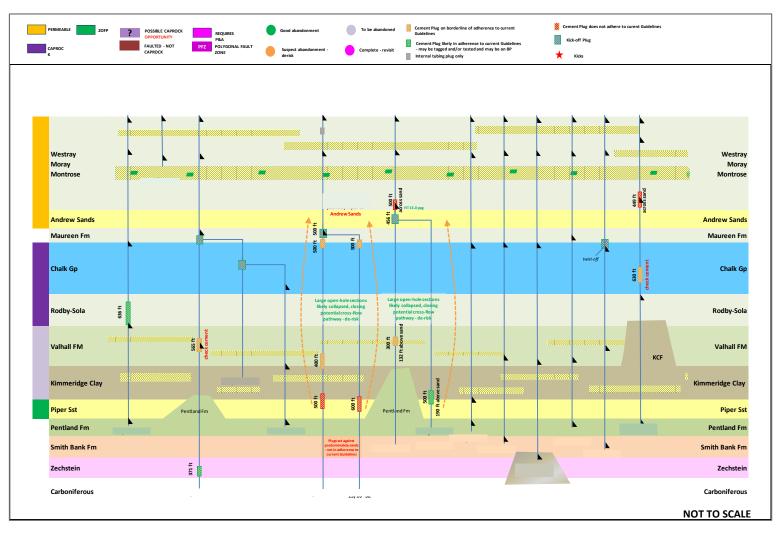
This includes:

Data mining subsurface and wells

Integrated assessment (reservoir recharge, minimum safe abandonment depth (MSAD), barrier requirements, shales, well architecture and integrity)

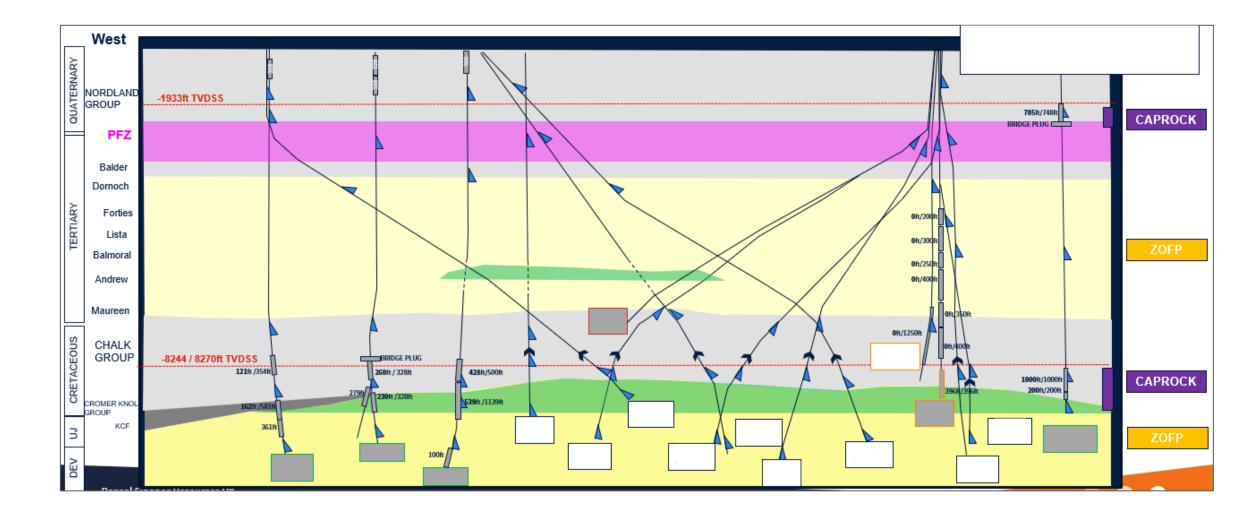
Plumbing diagrams

Informing the final well abandonment design



With the integration of all data sources Subsurface and wells





Traffic Light System for Barrier Assessment



Collaboration and functional excellence

RED: No plug / barrier of any kind in place

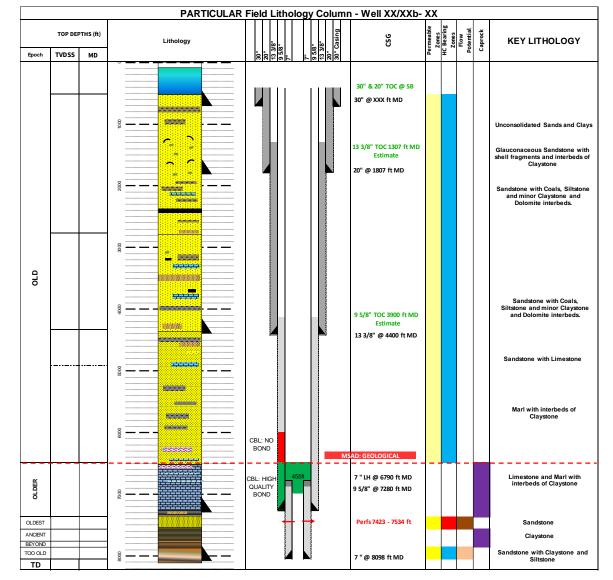


AMBER: A barrier in place but, not tagged/tested or problem with cement job described or not of sufficient thickness against Caprock and below MSAD - triggers an investigation and or Risk Assessment by P&A Engineering

YELLOW: Barrier in place, is of sufficient thickness against Caprock and below MSAD - triggers an investigation and or Risk Assessment by P&A Engineering

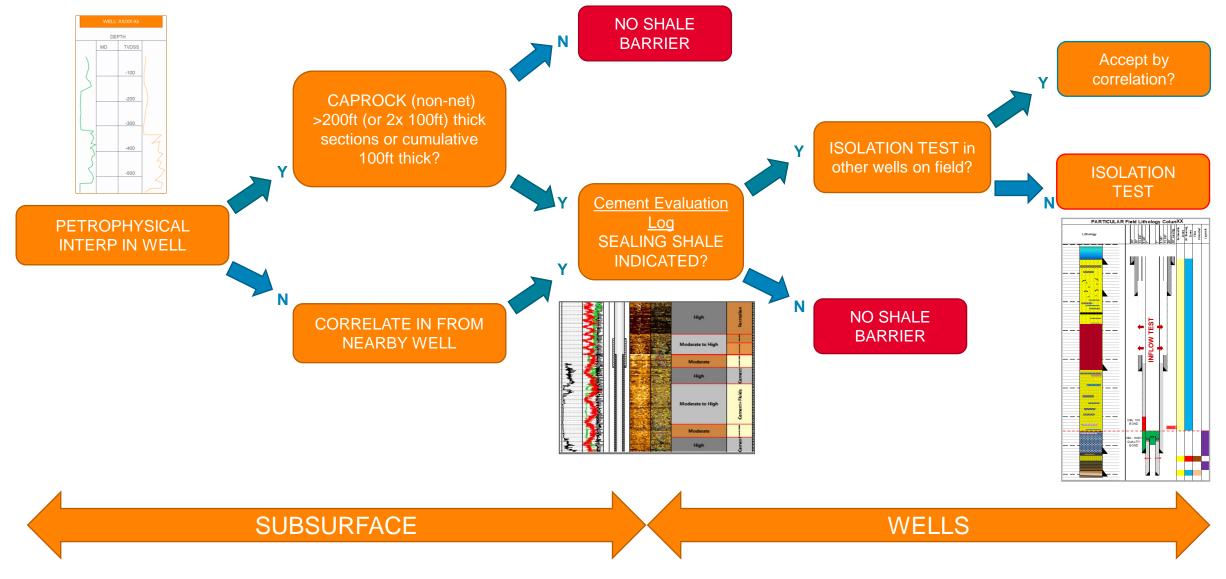


GREEN: Annular Cements, Section Milling and Mechanical plug placement have all been checked by P&A Engineering and signed off as Repsol Well Abandonment Standard / OEUK Guideline compliant



Considering the acceptance of a Shale Barrier





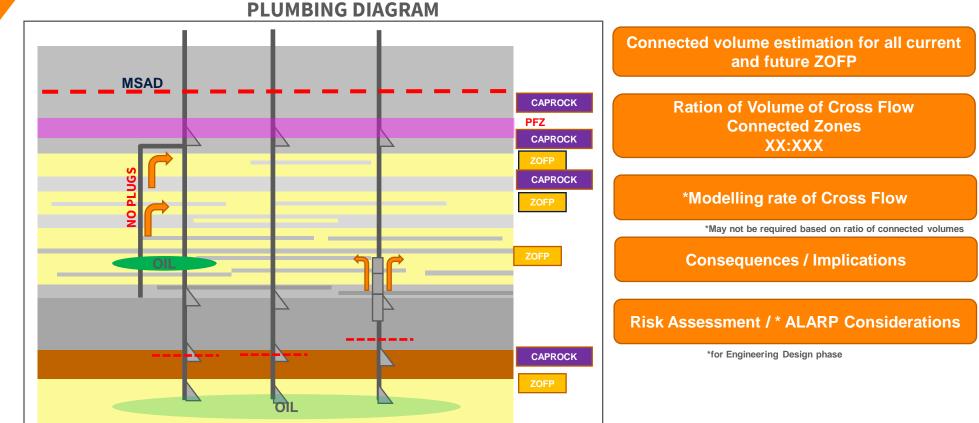
Completing the integrated evaluation





Subsurface Basis of Design Process

- Identify possible routes for Cross Flow
- Platinum Standard: PLUMBING DIAGRAM
- Collate all Wells (and Sidetracks) Well Architecture
 - Including casings depths, TTOC, cementing reports, sidetrack kick off depths
 - Isolation and abandonment schematics

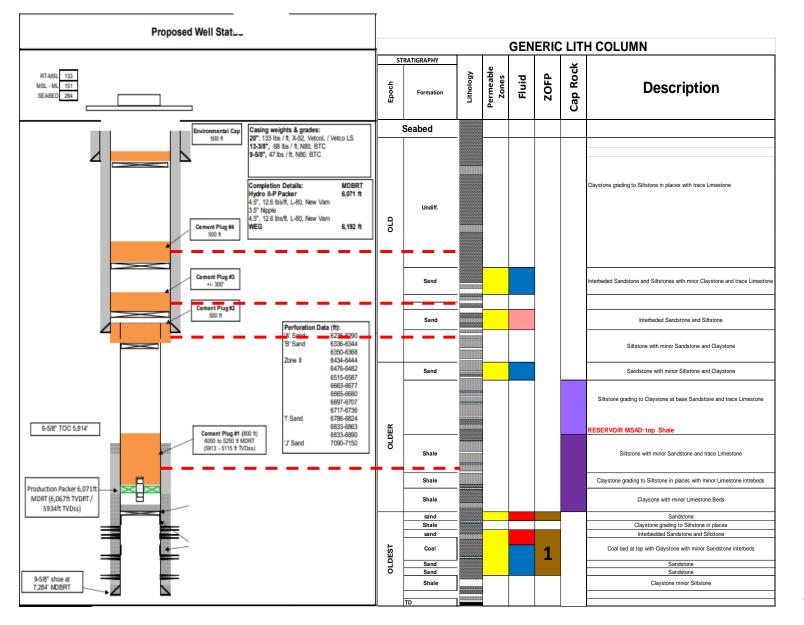


Results in Value Creation



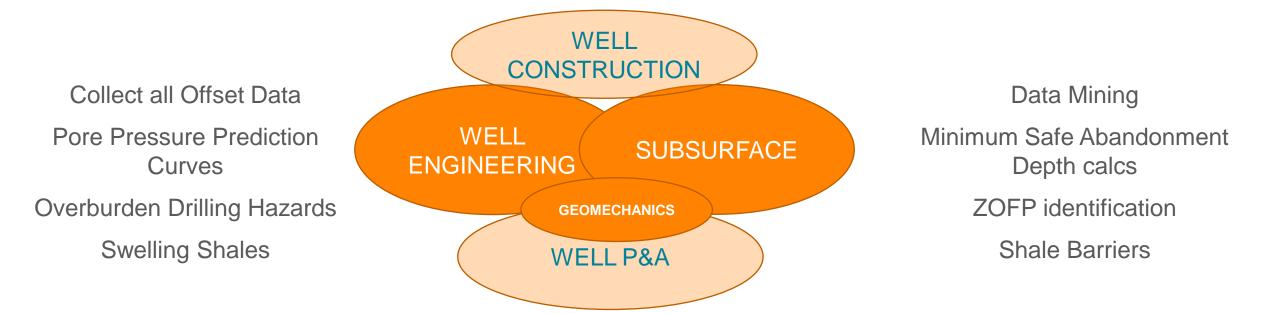
Subsurface BoD (2017) evaluation results in corresponding Abandonment BoD which recommends the following plug structure (isolation of four ZOFP).

Revised strategy based on collaboration and an integrated process removes requirement for 3 out of 4 plugs while still retaining compliance.



Working in a collaborative way to employ functional excellence in the optimisation of Well P&A







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