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David Banks
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Dear David,

LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL SURVEILLANCE – SANTOS SEISMIC, DRILLING AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

In light of the recent proclamation of hydrogen as a regulated substance, as per the Gazette on 11 February 2021, we seek to clarify Santos' low level surveillance classification. This letter acknowledges previous assessments which classified the following activities undertaken by Santos Limited under its licences in South Australia as requiring low level official surveillance. On the basis of these assessments, pursuant to delegated powers under Section 74(4) of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*, I hereby classify the following activities undertaken by Santos Limited under its licences in South Australia as requiring low level official surveillance:

- All production, processing and transmission pipeline activities (completed in June 2006)
- All drilling and well operations in the Cooper/Eromanga Basin (completed in October 2000)
- All geophysical activities (completed in October 2002)

This low level official surveillance classification does not encompass underground storage activities for carbon dioxide or activities for the production, processing and transport of hydrogen.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience via email at michael.malavazos@sa.gov.au or on 0401 121 666.

Yours sincerely,

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