

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Additional seismic work will be required, but whether it should be done before initial exploration in order to pinpoint the locations, or at a later date during the drilling programme when problems and objectives would be better understood, is somewhat optional and a matter of preference on the part of the operator. In the writer's view the prospects to be tested are sufficiently large in area for initial wells to be located without further delimitation.

The farmout consideration should stipulate at least two exploratory wells on each of the four types of prospective traps mapped. There is little preference as to which should be drilled first, except that an early test of a drape structure would afford more useful stratigraphic information. All tests should be drilled to basement, expected no deeper than 10,000 feet.

In addition to the above, at least one well should explore the supposed Palaeozoic under the southeastern edge of the basin.

Any prospective areas which may be recognized by the operator should be treated as additional prospects but not as substitutes for any of the four types outlined in this report.

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