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December 4, 2018

Dear Bill Peterson:

**Information Request No. 3:
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. Request for Extension to Deadline
for Abandonment of Non-Compliant Suspended Wells (OA-2018-005)**

On November 26, 2018, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a complete application from Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL) for an Operations Authorization (OA). The OA covers the proposed abandonment of thirteen wells operated by CNRL in the Fort Liard area.

As part of its application, CNRL submitted the preliminary screening reports for two land use permits issued by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB):

Land Use Permit	Well(s)	
MV2009x0007 (expired May 2016, replaced by MV2017x0034)	North Liard P-66	
MV2015x0005	Arrowhead River C-55 Arrowhead River I-75 Arrowhead River J-74 Arrowhead River F-56 Arrowhead River O-38 Arrowhead River K-35	Liard P-16 Emile Lake A-77 South West Arrowhead M-35 Netla A-68 Netla C-07 Netla K-77

A review of the preliminary screening reports and related information available on the MVLWB public registry indicates that well abandonment activities were scoped into MV2017x0034 but not MV2015x0005, which focuses on site maintenance only.

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Therefore, it appears that a preliminary screening is still required under section 124 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA) for CNRL's proposed abandonment of the 12 wells subject to MV2015x0005. If CNRL is aware of any information that indicates otherwise, please provide it to OROGO no later than 4 p.m. on December 11, 2018.

If a preliminary screening is needed, the Regulator (or his delegate), a Regulatory Authority under the MVRMA, may conduct it. More information on the Regulator's responsibilities for preliminary screening under the MVRMA is available on OROGO's website at: <https://www.oro.go.nt.ca/sites/oro.go/files/resources>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (867)767-9097 Ext: 78003 or by email at Pauline_dejong@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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