

September 30, 2013

- Sahtu Land and Water Board
- Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
- National Energy Board

We are community members from Tulita who are concerned that there is too much oil and gas exploration, including fracking, happening in our region and affecting our community. While we know that oil and gas activities bring some benefits to our community, it is happening too much, too fast.

The oil companies are operating on the traditional land of the Dene people of Tulita, including the Shúhtagot'Inę (Mountain Dene people). There are families with cabins in the area where Husky and ConocoPhillips are operating who have not been properly consulted, including the Pellissey and McCauley families. No one is really talking to them, even though they are very much impacted by the oil and gas activities. People have tried to go hunting in the area where the oil and gas leases are, and found that there was too much noise from choppers which scared away all the animals.

Consultation has not been done properly by any of the oil and gas companies. They should send their representatives door-to-door to talk with each community Elders individually, especially with the land users a company with a translator. This would allow people to ask questions and express their concerns, especially if they are too shy to speak up in a public meeting. Tulita is not a very big community and there are not that many houses.

We know that there is an application by Husky currently sitting in front of the Sahtu Land and Water Board, proposing to expand Husky's all-weather facilities and to switch the groundwater monitoring well to a source of water for Husky's operations. Before we saw this application we were not aware that Husky wanted to build a new helicopter landing pad or an all-weather staging site at the barge landing. The all-weather road has had a big impact already on the land and the animals, such as the moose. Husky showed us their maps about their studies of caribou and fish in the area, but we do not think that those studies and maps are accurate. More studies should be done on the fish lakes with the family who had the most impact on them.

We are concerned about the groundwater well being used as a source of water, especially if it is used for future fracking operations. Not enough research has been done to find out whether Husky will be taking too much water out of the ground.

There is already a lot of helicopter traffic in the Sahtu and a lot of truck traffic on the winter road in and out of Tulita, which creates a lot of noise and disturbance, and all of the accidents

and collisions make it dangerous for local people trying to travel in and out of our own community.

We are concerned about how oil and gas operations affects the whole landscape and the animals, the water and the land – what will be left for the hunters and trappers living today, and what will be left for future generations?

It would be better for the community of Tulita if not as many oil and gas companies were allowed to operate all at once, or if the operations could be slowed down. We need to think about what is best for future generations and not rush ahead, so we can first get all the information we need to do things right. Therefore, with these concerns Husky Energy should undertake further studies to reflect the impact in our region. Until these studies are complete NO further permits should be issue at this time

Thank you for responding to our concerns.

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