



## Sahtu Land and Water Board

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Lindsay Hollands  
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Dear Ms. Hollands,

### **Bear Island to Goose Island Depth of Cover Repairs – January 2016 Island 6 to Bear Island Depth of Cover Repairs – January 2016**

We received the Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited (Imperial) letters dated October 23, 2015 requesting Board approval for in-river work repairs over flowline bundles to increase depth of cover along the entire reach of the flowline bundle, providing optimum protection and enhancing the stability against ice movement. This work was described as a necessary follow-up action in Sections 6.3 and 6.2.7 of the *Imperial Norman Wells Operations Annual Flowline Integrity and Break-up Report* October 2015.

According to the Water Licence Part F: Item 3, the Licensee shall inspect the riverbeds, channels and banks of the Mackenzie River in the vicinity of the Flowline(s), and shall immediately notify the Inspector of any significant risk to infrastructure, public safety or the environment from erosion and take appropriate remedial action as required.

The SLWB has determined that this work is a Modification as per Part G: Item 1, and as such, does not require written consent from the Board as the Licensee has provided details of the proposed Modifications to the Board, in writing, at least 60 days prior to the commencement of the modification(s).

The SLWB has been informed that the NEB and the Federal Inspector have no concerns with the proposed project and have received copies of letters of support from the DFO. The SLWB will also approve the completion of this work in late January –early February 2016. Please note the approval for these requests are subject to:

- Imperial shall include a summary of approved in-river work and maintenance activities in the Imperial Oil Norman Wells Annual Flowline Integrity and Break-up Report 2016;
- Imperial shall contact the Inspector (Tim Morton) two weeks prior to the start of work at 867-669-2442 and ensure that there is no waste/garbage in any fill that may be used;
- Imperial shall provide to the SLWB as-built plans and drawings of the repair work within ninety (90) days of completion of the repairs.

If you have any questions, please contact

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Dixon', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul Dixon  
Executive Director  
Sahtu Land and Water Board

c: Orlando Huang, NEB  
Tim Morton, AANDC Inspector  
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Larry Wallace, SLWB Chair  
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