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Dear John Hawkins:

Decision – Deferral of Abandonment Program, Fort Liard Area (OA-2020-001-PAR)

On December 9, 2020, I issued my decision approving Operations Authorization OA-2020-001-PAR for the abandonment of four wells in the Fort Liard Area during the 2021 winter season by Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount).

Since then, the NWT Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) has clarified that, based on the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission into the NWT and the rising number of cases in most jurisdictions, which increases the transmission risk to the NWT, she supports deferring well abandonment programs planned for winter 2021 to winter 2022.

Although Paramount has not submitted a request to defer its abandonment program until 2022, these risks are presented by Paramount and other operators who are intending to conduct well abandonment programs in the NWT during the 2021 winter season.

Based on the CPHO's recent determination regarding potential risks of COVID-19 transmission and the compliant suspended status of Paramount's wells, I have decided that Paramount's proposed abandonment program should be deferred until 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Lennie-Misgeld, Senior Advisor, Legislation and Policy at (867) 767-9097 or by email at oro.gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,



Pauline de Jong
Regulator