



Sahtu Land and Water Board

Staff Report

Division: Water Program

Report No. 4

Date Prepared: October 7, 2014

File No. S13L1-007/S03L1-001

Meeting Date: October 21, 2014

Subject: Type A Water Licence Renewal Process for Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited – Status Update

1. Purpose/Report Summary

To bring the Board up to date on the submissions received for review related to the Type A Water Licence Renewal Process for Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited since the July Board meeting. To present the updated work plan for the Licence renewal.

2. Background

On March 13, 2014 Board staff presented Staff Report 1, which gave an overview of the Imperial Oil Renewal application, process, reviewer comments and proponent responses. Staff Report 1 also gave an overview of any information requests sent and received up to the date of the Board meeting. On April 29, 2014, Board staff presented Staff Report 2, which presented additional correspondence received for the Imperial Oil Renewal application and summarized the submitted interventions in preparation for the Public Hearing. On July 22, 2014, Board staff presented Staff Report 3, which presented a summary of the undertakings resulting from the Public Hearing, timing for submission of the four management plans and security estimate, an updated work plan and the progress of the Amendment Application to extend the term of the Water Licence S03L1-001 to March 25, 2015.

3. Approval of the Amendment Application S03L1-001

On August 21, 2014, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development approved the Water Licence as recommended by the Sahtu Land and Water Board. The current Licence S03L1-001 will now expire on March 25, 2015. A copy of the Minister's letter and Water Licence is attached (Attachment 6.1).

4. Documents Submitted for Review S13L1-007

On September 26, 2014 the Sahtu Land and Water Board received the following documents for review on the online review system as per the requirements of the work plan:

- Norman Wells Liability Estimate (excel spreadsheet)
- Abandonment and Reclamation Cost Estimate for Norman Wells Operation (background report)
- Groundwater Management Plan
- 2014 Flowline Integrity Plan.

In addition to these reports, the following two management plans, received earlier, were also circulated for review:

- Updated Environmental Protection Plan
- Updated Waste Management Plan

Reviewers have until October 24, 2014 to submit their comments on these four management plans and the security estimate. The proponent will have until November 7, 2014 to respond to all reviewer comments.

5. Updated Work Plan for S13L1-007

The work plan was updated to allow reviewers additional time to review the reports submitted on September 26, 2014. The previous work plan only allowed two weeks for review and Board staff felt that was not sufficient time for reviewers to adequately review these important documents. All other dates for the work plan remained the same. The updated work plan is attached (Attachment 6.2).

6. Reference Material Attached

- 6.1 AANDC Minister approval of Water Licence S03L1-001 term extension.
- 6.2 Updated Work Plan

Respectfully submitted,



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Paul Dixon
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Ministre des Affaires autochtones
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AUG 21 2014

Mr. Larry Wallace
Chair
Sahtu Land and Water Board
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Dear Mr. Wallace:

Thank you for your letter of July 22, 2014, regarding the amended Type "A" Water Licence S03L1-001 for Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited's Norman Wells Operations.

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the water licence as recommended by the Sahtu Land and Water Board. The signed original is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard Valcourt".

Bernard Valcourt, PC, QC, MP

Encl.



SAHTU Land and Water Board Water Licence

Amendment – July 22, 2014

Pursuant to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the *Northwest Territories Waters Regulations*, the SAHTU Land and Water Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to

**IMPERIAL OIL RESOURCES N.W.T. LIMITED
NORMAN WELLS OPERATIONS**

(Licensee)

**BAG SERVICE 5000
Of NORMAN WELLS, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
X0E 0V0**

(Mailing Address)

hereinafter called the Licensee, the right to alter, divert or otherwise use water subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the *Northwest Territories Waters Regulations* made thereunder and subject to and in accordance with the conditions specified in this Licence.

Licence Number	<u>S03L1-001 (Renewal and Consolidation of Licence S99L1-003)</u>
Licence Type	<u>"A"</u>
Location	<u>Norman Wells Proven Area, Northwest Territories</u>
Purpose	<u>Water Use And Waste Disposal.</u>
Description	<u>For Industrial Undertakings In Oil And Gas Production, And Associated Uses</u>
Effective Date of Licence	<u>August 30, 2004</u>
Expiry Date of Licence	<u>March 25, 2015</u>

This Licence issued and recorded at Fort Good Hope includes and is subject to the annexed conditions.

Witness

SAHTU Land and Water Board

Larry Wallace (Chairman)

Approved by

Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
and Northern Development Canada

**This Licence and conditions shall be kept on site.
If you have any questions please call the SAHTU Land & Water Board at
(867) 598-2413**



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File: S13L1-007

**Updated Work Plan for
 Water Licence Renewal Application
 Imperial Oil Resources – Norman Wells Operation**

Purpose of the Work Plan

To outline the processes and timelines to be followed for the Water Licence Renewal Application S13L1-007 (Renewal of S03L1-001) for Imperial Oil Resources Norman Wells Operation. This updated Work Plan continues from the last submission of Information for review.

**Work Plan for Water Licence Renewal Application
 Imperial Oil Resources – Norman Wells Operation**

Task	Party	Duration	Due/Complete
Submission of Management Plans - Environmental Protection Plan - Waste Management Plan	Proponent		June 30, 2014 (Monday)
Progress Update for Security Estimate	Proponent		August 29, 2014 (Friday)
Submission of Management Plans - Flowline Intergity - Groundwater Monitoring	Proponent		September 26, 2014 (Friday)
Submission of Full Security Estimate	Proponent		September 26, 2014 (Friday)
Reviewer Comments on four Management Plans and Security Estimate	Interveners	4 weeks	October 24, 2014 (Friday)
Proponent Responses	Proponent	2 weeks	November 7, 2014 (Friday)
Draft Water Licence v.2 Sent Out for Review	SLWB		October 27, 2014 (Monday)
Reviewer Comments Due on Draft Water Licence v.2	Reviewers	2 weeks	November 7, 2014 (Friday)
Proponent Responses Due on Draft Water Licence v.2	Proponent	1 week	November 14, 2014 (Friday)

Close of Evidentiary Record for the Public Hearing			November 14, 2014 (Friday)
Deadline for Closing Arguments from Interveners	Interveners	1 week	November 21, 2014 (Friday)
Deadline for Closing Arguments from Proponent	Proponent	1 week	November 28, 2014 (Friday)
Staff Review and Board Meeting	SLWB	2 weeks	December 4, 2014 (Thursday)
Draft Water Licence and Reasons for Decision sent to AANDC Minister	SLWB	1 week	December 12, 2014 (Friday)
Final Decision from AANDC Minister and Issuance of Water Licence	AANDC Minister		S03L1-001 Amendment to the Term expires: March 25, 2015
***SLWB – Sahtu Land and Water Board; AANDC – Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.			