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January 11, 2023

Dear James Ireland:

**Inspection of the Emile Lake A-77 Well (WID1964)**

On July 20, 2022, Mr. Brian Heppelle, Safety Officer and Conservation Officer under section 105 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*, inspected the Emile Lake A-77 well (WID1964), operated by Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL). Mr. Heppelle has since left the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO). He did not complete an *OROGO Well Inspection Summary Report* for the Emile Lake A-77 well inspection before he left.

In the absence of an *OROGO Well Inspection Summary Report*, I am sharing the results of our review of Mr. Heppelle's field notes and photographs taken during the inspection.

Mr. Heppelle's notes indicate that the Emile Lake A-77 well was in satisfactory condition except for:

- There is brush or debris within 25 meters of the wellhead.

On October 11, 2022, CNRL submitted a *Well Inspection Report* for the Emile Lake A-77 well, confirming that the items identified above have been addressed.

If you have any questions about the results of this inspection, please contact OROGO at [oro.go@gov.nt.ca](mailto:oro.go@gov.nt.ca) or 867-767-9097.

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong  
Regulator

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