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January 11, 2023

Dear James Ireland:

Inspection of the Liard P-16 Well (WID1976)

On July 21, 2022, Mr. Brian Heppelle, Safety Officer and Conservation Officer under section 105 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*, inspected the Liard P-16 well (WID1976), 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 Liard P-16 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 inspection team was unable to land at the Liard P-16 wellsite because there was no safe landing zone due to brush on the site.

On October 11, 2022, CNRL submitted a *Well Inspection Report* for the Liard P-16 wellsite, indicating that brush had not been cleared within 25 meters of the wellhead but that the wellsite was accessible for inspection and monitoring. Clearing brush and debris within 25 meters of the wellhead is necessary to ensure safe access to the site by helicopter and must be addressed during CNRL's next visit to the site.

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

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong
Regulator

c. Ryan Munro, CNRL