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James Ireland  
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September 6, 2023

Dear James Ireland:

**Decision: Extension of Abandonment Deadline for  
the Liard P-16 well (ACW-2019-011-CNRL-P-16-WID1976)**

On September 1, 2023, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a request from Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) to extend the deadline for abandonment of the Liard P-16 well (WID1976) for monitoring of surface casing vent flow repairs completed during the abandonment operation. The current abandonment deadline is September 15, 2023. CNRL requests an extension to September 30, 2024.

CNRL indicates it will monitor the surface casing vent flow and report weekly to OROGO on progress towards its elimination. If the surface casing vent flow is not eliminated, CNRL commits to conducting additional repair operations in summer 2024.

I have reviewed CNRL's request and agree that the well can be left in its current condition until summer 2024 with minimal risk to the environment and human safety while CNRL monitors the surface casing vent flow.

Therefore, the deadline for the abandonment of the Liard P-16 well is extended to September 30, 2024.

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I will issue a variation to the Well Approval for this operation to acknowledge the deadline extension and provide additional time after the deadline to complete administrative requirements. No change is required to the Operations Authorization for this activity to accommodate the deadline extension.

Sincerely,



Pauline de Jong  
Regulator

- c. Terran Bernhard, CNRL  
Jason Tymo, CNRL  
Dale Duffy, CNRL