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James Ireland  
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January 11, 2023

Dear James Ireland:

**Inspection of the Netla A-68 Well (WID1936)**

On July 20, 2022, Mr. Brian Heppelle, Safety Officer and Conservation Officer under section 105 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*, inspected the Netla A-68 well (WID1936), 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 Netla A-68 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 Netla A-68 well was in satisfactory condition except:

- The wind indicator was not functional (on the ground).
- The wellhead valves were chained and locked using a removable ring and, therefore, were not secure.
- The surface casing vent pipe was loose.
- Brush and debris were present within 25 meters of the wellhead.

On October 7, 2022, CNRL submitted a *Well Inspection Report* for the Netla A-68 well, confirming that the items identified above have been addressed.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pauline de Jong', is written over the printed name.

Pauline de Jong  
Regulator

c. Ryan Munro, CNRL