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September 17, 2024

Dear Ryan Rawlyk:

**Direction: Abandonment of the South Pointed Mountain L-68 Well
(ACW-2021-PPR-L-68-WID1207)**

On September 16, 2024, I issued a Notice of Non-Compliance to Prairie Provident Resources Canada Ltd. (PPR) for failing to comply with the Regulator's direction to abandon the South Pointed Mountain L-68 well (WID1207) by September 15, 2024.

Based on PPR's requests for extension to this deadline received on February 5, 2024, and July 17, 2024, and associated correspondence, I have concluded that additional direction is required to ensure this non-compliant well is monitored, repaired, and abandoned appropriately.

Therefore, I direct PPR to:

- **Continue to inspect the South Pointed Mountain L-68 well at least twice a year, with one inspection occurring between July and September that includes gas migration testing.**
- **Apply for a variation to OA-2021-001-PPR to reflect winter operations by October 28, 2024. The variation application must include amendments to reflect winter operations to the:**
 - **Environmental Protection Plan;**
 - **Safety Plan; and**
 - **Contingency Plan.**
- **Apply for a variation to ACW-2021-PPR-L-68-WID1207 Variation 5, if required to accommodate winter operations, by October 28, 2024.**
- **Complete abandonment operations for the South Pointed Mountain L-68 well by March 31, 2025.**

Failure to comply with the direction of the Regulator may result in further enforcement activity, up to and including an order by the Regulator under section 20 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* (OGOA).

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Sub-section 114(1)(d) of OGOA states:

“Every person is guilty of an offense who fails to comply with ... an order of the Committee or the Regulator made under this Act.”

Sub-section 114(2) of OGOA states:

“Every person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$1,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.”

Sincerely,



Pauline de Jong
Regulator

c. Angie Stastook, Specialist Asset Liability and ESG, PPR