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January 17, 2025

Dear Matt Crockett:

**Decision: Variation to ACW-2021-SUN-M-47-WID1476**

On September 9, 2024, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received an application from Suncor Energy Inc. (Suncor) to vary ACW-2021-SUN-M-47-WID1476 Variation 1 for the Tweed Lake M-47 well (WID1476).

OROGO also received Suncor's responses to information requests as follows:

Information Request No. 2 – received January 16, 2025

On October 7, 2022, the Regulator issued OA-2021-003-SUN, the Operations Authorization (OA) for the abandonment of three wells in the Sahtu Settlement Area, including the Tweed Lake M-47 well. ACW-2021-SUN-M-47-WID1476 falls under OA-2021-003-SUN. Suncor is in the process of updating this OA to ensure it meets the requirements of the operational change to summer heli-portable operations.

The Regulator, designated under section 121 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* (OGOA), may issue an Operations Authorization under section 10(1) of that act, subject to any Well Approvals that the Regulator may require under section 10(4) of OGOA. The Regulator may vary the terms of an Operations Authorization under section 10(6) of OGOA, including the terms of a Well Approval. On August 2, 2020, the Commissioner in Executive Council designated me as the Regulator under section 121 of OGOA.

I have reviewed Suncor's description of its proposed activity and find that the application demonstrates that this activity will be conducted safely, without waste and without pollution, in compliance with the *Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations*. Therefore, Suncor's application is approved, subject to the terms contained in the attached Well Approval, including the approval of Suncor's application to vary OA-2021-003-SUN to allow for summer heli-portable operations.

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Suncor Energy Inc. must post a copy of the attached Well Approval in a clearly visible location at the work site.

Sincerely,



Pauline de Jong  
Regulator

Encl. Well Approval ACW-2021-SUN-M-47-WID1476 variation 2

c.

Greg Heffel, Suncor Energy Inc.  
Dara Schmidt, Suncor Energy Inc.

## WELL APPROVAL

Subject to the terms listed below, well approval **ACW-2021-SUN-M-47-WID1476 variation #2** is granted under Section 10 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* and Part 2 of the *Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations* to


Company Name	Operating Licence #
Suncor Energy Inc.	NWT-OL-2014-008
Responsible Officer	Operations Authorization #
Greg Heffel, Completions Engineer	OA-2021-003-SUN

for

Well Name and Well ID#	
Tweed Lake M-47 (WID1476)	
Type of Work	Region
Abandonment	Sahtu

This approval, originally issued on October 17, 2022, has been varied by the Regulator or its delegate under Section 10(6) of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*.

This approval expires on **November 1, 2025**.

Issued at	Issued on
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories	January 17, 2025
Issued by	Signature
Pauline de Jong, Regulator	

## Additional Terms

1. Suncor Energy Inc. shall cause the approved work and activities to be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* and the *Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations*, as well as any other acts or legislation as may apply.
2. Suncor Energy Inc. shall cause the approved work and activities to be conducted in accordance with any guidelines and/or interpretation notes issued by the Regulator under section 18 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*.
3. Suncor Energy Inc. shall cause the approved work and activities to be conducted in accordance with the specifications, standards and other information referred to in its application dated July 6, 2021, request for variation dated September 9, 2024, and subsequent submissions.
4. Suncor Energy Inc. shall request approval from the Regulator prior to undertaking any change to or deviation from the authorized work or activities, including but not limited to key personnel, the safety plan, the environmental protection plan and contingency plans.
5. Pursuant to section 67 of the *Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations*, Suncor Energy Inc. is approved to conduct controlled venting and/or flaring as part of well kill operations at a maximum daily flow rate of  $29.93 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$  for a maximum daily duration of 4.0 hours per day. Suncor Energy Inc. shall include the volume and composition of any amount of flared and/or vented gas in its daily report to OROGO. Flaring and/or venting of any volume, daily volume rate and/or duration greater than the approved maximum daily flow shall be reported to OROGO as an incident under section 75 of the *Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations*.
6. Suncor Energy Inc. shall provide all staff and contractors for this program with its Emergency Response Plan and the OROGO 24-hour Incident Reporting phone number (867-445-8551) prior to commencing any work or activity.
7. Suncor Energy Inc. shall notify OROGO at least 10 days prior to the start of approved operations.
8. Suncor Energy Inc. shall submit to OROGO certificates and inspection documents for any well abandonment equipment at least 10 days prior to the rig commencing work.
9. Suncor Energy Inc. shall submit to OROGO an updated operator contact list for this program prior to any work or activity.
10. Suncor Energy Inc. shall submit to OROGO a Daily Report outlining all activities undertaken for each day of the operation under this well approval no later than 10:00 a.m. the following day.
11. Suncor Energy Inc. shall submit to OROGO a completed Change of Well Status form 30 days after the service rig release date or when the operation has been successfully completed.

12. Suncor Energy Inc. shall not conduct any activities under ACW-2021-SUN-M-47-WID1476 Variation #2 until the variation to OA-2021-003-SUN to allow for summer heli-portable operations has been approved by the Regulator.