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Dear John Hawkins:

Inspection of the Mackay Lakes O-80 Well and Facilities (WID1866)

On July 20, 2022, Mr. Brian Heppelle, Safety Officer and Conservation Officer under section 105 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*, inspected the Mackay Lakes O-80 well (WID1866) and associated facilities, operated by Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount). 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 Mackay Lakes O-80 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 Mackay Lakes O-80 well and associated facilities were in satisfactory condition except:

- There is no wind indicator.
- The surface casing vent is rusted off.
- Pumps on site did not appear to be properly shut in.

A functioning wind indicator is necessary to ensure safe access to the wellsite and must be installed during Paramount's next visit to the site. As the Mackay Lakes O-80 well is being abandoned during the summer of 2023, I anticipate the issues with the surface casing vent and pumps noted above will no longer be a concern once the wellhead and associated facilities are removed.

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

Sincerely,



Pauline de Jong
Regulator