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Sherri Evers  
Vice President  
Imperial Oil Limited  
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November 25, 2021

Dear Sherri Evers:

**Decision: Early Termination of OA-2018-001-IOL Effective November 26, 2021**

On November 24, 2021, I issued Operations Authorization (OA) OA-2021-004-IMP to Imperial Oil Limited (Imperial) for the maintenance, monitoring, inspection and abandonment of the Jean Marie B-48 well (WID0448).

Imperial also holds another OA, OA-2018-001-IOL, which expires on December 31, 2021, and includes the maintenance, monitoring and inspection of the Jean Marie B-48 well.

The Regulator, designated under section 121 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* (OGOA), may vary the terms of an OA under section 10(6) of OGOA. On August 2, 2020, the Commissioner in Executive Council designated me as the Regulator under section 121 of OGOA.

As the scope of OA-2018-001-IOL is now covered by OA-2021-004-IMP, I am amending OA-2018-001-IOL, moving its expiry date forward to November 26, 2021. This avoids duplication between the two OAs and allows me to return the Proof of Financial Responsibility associated with OA-2018-001-IOL to Imperial.

I will be in contact with Esther Choi, Project Manager, to determine how best to return Imperial's Proof of Financial Responsibility for OA-2018-001-IOL.

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong  
Regulator

Encl. OA-2018-001-IOL variation #5

c. Esther Choi, Project Manager, Imperial

## OPERATIONS AUTHORIZATION

Subject to the terms listed below, authorization 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	Company Operating Licence #
Imperial Oil Limited	NWT-OL-2014-011
Responsible Officer and Title	
Theresa Redburn, Senior Vice President	


to proceed with the works and activities described in its November 27, 2018 application for

Scope of Work	Settlement Area or Region
Maintenance, monitoring and inspection of the Jean Marie River B-48 well.	Dehcho

This authorization, originally issued on March 27, 2019, has been varied by the Regulator under Section 10 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* and may be further so varied.

This authorization expires on November 26, 2021.

Dated at Yellowknife, Northwest Territories on April 7, 2021.

Name of Regulator	Signature of Regulator 
Ms. Pauline de Jong	
Title Regulator	

**ADDITIONAL TERMS**

1. Imperial Oil Limited 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. Imperial Oil Limited 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. Imperial Oil Limited shall cause the approved work and activities to be conducted in accordance with the specifications, standards and other information referred to in its application and subsequent submissions.
4. Imperial Oil Limited 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. Imperial Oil Limited shall adhere to the submitted engagement plan and provide an annual update, by March 31 of each year, on engagement activities with all existing and asserted Aboriginal rights holders in the area of the activity, including the Dehcho First Nations.
6. Imperial Oil Limited shall maintain the site in compliance with Section 5A of the *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes* (Guidelines). This shall include:
  - a. Maintenance of brushing and clearing to ensure a safe work area around the well bore;
  - b. Maintenance of a rotary wing aircraft ingress/egress landing site as near as possible to the well bore to mitigate safety hazards during maintenance, monitoring and inspection; and
  - c. Maintenance of well signage and markings appropriate for a suspended well and wind indicators that are visible in all seasons.
7. Imperial Oil Limited shall notify OROGO at least ten (10) days prior of commencement of field inspection, maintenance and/or monitoring activities.
8. Imperial Oil Limited shall submit to OROGO an updated operator contact list for this program prior to any work or activity.

9. Imperial Oil Limited 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.
10. Imperial Oil Limited shall prepare and submit to the Regulator, no later than March 1, 2021, a report that includes:
  - a. The results and analysis of all well monitoring; and
  - b. Proposed abandonment options to bring the well into compliance with section 56 of the *Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations* (OGDPR) and the Guidelines.