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January 10, 2020

Dear Bill Peterson:

Direction:

Non-Compliance with Term #9 of Operations Authorization OA-2018-005-CNRL

On November 26, 2019, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) issued an Operations Authorization (OA) to Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL) for the proposed abandonment of twelve wells operated by CNRL in the Fort Liard region of the Northwest Territories.

Nine of the wells proposed for abandonment under OA-2018-005-CNRL are not in compliance with the requirements set out in the *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes*, issued by the Regulator in February 2017. The wells in question are:

Arrowhead River J-74 (WID 1987)
Emile Lake A-77 (WID 1964)
SW Arrowhead M-35 (WID 1989)
Netla K-77 (WID 1862)

Arrowhead River I-75 (WID 1981)
Liard P-16 (WID 1976)
Arrowhead River K-35 (WID 1991)
Netla C-07 (WID 0191)
Arrowhead River O-38 (WID 1983)

Term #9 of the Operations Authorization requires that CNRL submit to OROGO, by noon (MDT) on January 9, 2020, completed applications to Alter the Condition of a Well (ACW) and supporting documentation for the abandonment of the non-compliant wells noted above.

To date, I have not received the required ACW applications.

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I hereby direct CNRL to submit complete ACW applications for the nine non-compliant well no later than noon (MT) on January 17, 2020.

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong
Chief Conservation Officer

c. Ariy Castillo, Regulatory Coordinator, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.

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