



October 23, 2020

Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
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Yellowknife NT X1A 3S9

Dear Ms. Pauline de Jong,

As a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, Obsidian Energy Ltd (“Obsidian”, “we”) has re-evaluated non-essential travel and implemented protocols to ensure the safety of our employees, contractors and the public. In consideration of continuously evolving Provincial and Federal Health restrictions along with NWT Entry requirements, Obsidian is requesting an extension of the planned 300/C-31-6040-12330 abandonment deadline until Q1 2022.

We are concerned that the entry of people into the region, combined with utilization of local vendors and sharing of resources with other operators, poses an unnecessary risk to our personnel and the local population. The uncertainty around the pandemic also makes it extremely challenging to take advantage of previously planned synergies between other operators and meet the obligations of our approved Benefits Plan, ultimately resulting in reduced economic value to local communities.

OROGO correctly highlights human health and safety within their core principles. As there is no environmental risk potential in the well’s current state, adhering to the current regulatory timeline increases risk to human health and safety through COVID-19 transmission. We are committed to both ensuring the safety of our staff in this remote work setting and minimizing the impact to local health care facilities currently strained by COVID-19. As many Canadian jurisdictions would suggest, the most responsible course of action is to defer the work until a time when the potential negative outcomes can be mitigated.

Obsidian will continue to work towards obtaining our Operations Authorization and subsequently submitting applications for Altering the Condition of a Well.

Please contact Craig Langford at 403-597-0428 should you have any concerns or wish to discuss further. Obsidian appreciates your consideration in allowing the work to continue in NWT at time when deemed safer for all stakeholders.

Respectfully,

**OBSIDIAN ENERGY LTD.**

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