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November 17, 2020

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips:

**Preliminary Screening Determination:  
Obsidian Energy Ltd. Application for an Operations Authorization**

The Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) has received an application for an Operations Authorization from Obsidian Energy Ltd. (Obsidian). Under section 124 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, an Operations Authorization triggers the requirement for a preliminary screening.

Obsidian applied to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) for a Land Use Permit (LUP) MV2019X0016 to conduct abandonment work for two wells in the Fort Liard Area. The MVLWB conducted a preliminary screening of the application and issued the LUP on July 10, 2020.

I have determined that the preliminary screening of LUP MV2019X0016 conducted by the MVLWB meets my obligations as a regulatory authority under the MVRMA and have adopted the preliminary screening.

Please contact me at (867)767-9097 or by email at [oro.go@gov.nt.ca](mailto:oro.go@gov.nt.ca) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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