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May 4, 2021

Dear Craig Langford:

**Review – Submission of Updated Plans (OA-2019-001-OBS variation #2)**

On April 6, 2021, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received the following updated plans from Obsidian Energy Limited (Obsidian), as required by conditions 6 through 10 of OA-2019-001-OBS variation #2:

- Updated Environmental Protection Plan;
- Updated Contingency Plan; and
- Updated Safety Plan.

OROGO's review of the updated plans notes the following:

1. Obsidian Energy NWT Contingency Plan: The link between the NWT Emergency Response Plan (NWT-ERP) and the Corporate Emergency Response Plan (C-ERP) is not well defined. While the C-ERP defines emergency response measures and the NWT-ERP identifies NWT regulatory, municipal and aboriginal government organizations and their contacts, the coordination measures for these organizations under the C-ERP is not clearly defined.
2. Safety Plan: The Safety Plan does not provide sufficient detail regarding hazard identification and mitigation for summer helicopter operations proposed for the abandonment of the Fort Liard K-32 well (WID 1860).

To complete the review of the required Contingency Plan and Safety Plan, Obsidian is required to re-submit an updated:

1. Contingency Plan that clearly makes the link between the coordination measures under the C-ERP and those NWT regulatory, municipal and aboriginal government organizations identified in the NWT-ERP; and

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2. Safety Plan that provides additional detail regarding hazards and mitigation measures that would be encountered during well abandonment using heli-portable equipment to abandon the Fort Liard K-32 Well during summer conditions. The plan should include but is not limited to:
  - A summary of the studies undertaken to identify hazards and evaluate safety risks associated with heli-portable operations;
  - A description of the hazards and that were identified and the results of the risk evaluation associated with heli-portable operations;
  - A summary of the measures to avoid, prevent, reduce and manage the safety risks associated with heli-portable operations;
  - List of all equipment critical to safety associated with heli-portable operations; and
  - An evacuation plan and landing site development plan that reflects heli-portable operations.

Please submit the requested information to [orogo@gov.nt.ca](mailto:orogo@gov.nt.ca) or through OROGO's secure file transfer site on or before 4:00 pm on June 3, 2021.

If you have any questions or require additional time to submit the requested information, please contact Peter Lennie-Misgeld, Senior Advisor, Legislation and Policy at (867) 767-9097 or by email at [orogo@gov.nt.ca](mailto:orogo@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



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