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June 16, 2021

Dear Craig Langford:

**Review – Compliance with Condition 6 and 7 of
OA-2019-001-OBS variation #2 and Condition 4 of ACW-2019-007-K-32-WID1860**

On June 3, 2021, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a response from Obsidian Energy Limited (Obsidian) to OROGO's letter dated May 4, 2021. This letter required Obsidian to submit updated plans to meet conditions 6 and 7 of Operations Authorization OA-2019-001 variation #2 (OA).

OROGO reviewed the updated Obsidian Energy NWT Contingency Plan and the Corporate Emergency Response Plan submitted June 3, 2021. The updated plans satisfy condition 6 of Obsidian's OA.

Obsidian's response proposes to conduct an overland operation for the abandonment of the Fort Liard K-32 (WID 1860) well during the winter 2021/2022 season instead of the approved heli-portable operation under ACW-2019-007-K-32-WID1860 (ACW) planned for the summer of 2022. Condition 4 of the ACW requires Obsidian to request the Regulator's approval for a variation of the ACW as the proposed undertaking represents a change or deviation from the authorized work.

Obsidian's request for variation of the ACW should include an updated well abandonment program that reflects the proposed overland abandonment operation for the Fort Liard K-32 (WID 1860) well during the winter 2021/2022 season. OROGO will reassess Obsidian's Safety Plan submitted March 31, 2021 for compliance with condition 7 of the OA concurrently with the request for variation of the ACW.

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Please submit the required request for variation of the ACW to orogo@gov.nt.ca or through OROGO's secure file transfer site on or before 16:00 pm on August 17, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Martin".

Michael Martin
Chief Safety Officer

- c. Aaron Smith, Senior Vice President, Development and Operations, Obsidian
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