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October 15, 2019

Dear John Hawkins:

**Letter of Decision – Deferral of OA Application  
for the Abandonment of Seven Wells (OA-2019-002-MGM)**

On June 12, 2019, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a complete application from MGM Energy (MGM) for an Operations Authorization (OA) for the proposed abandonment of seven wells in the Sahtu Settlement Area of the Northwest Territories.

On October 11, 2019, OROGO received a letter from MGM requesting deferral of consideration of MGM's Operations Authorization (OA) application until the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) has completed its review of MGM's Land Use Permit and Water License Applications.

OROGO agrees with MGM's request to defer further consideration of MGM's OA application until it receives confirmation of a preliminary screening decision by the SLWB on MGM's proposed abandonment program. OROGO will also defer consideration of MGM's OA application until it receives confirmation of the approval of MGM's benefits plan by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, which must be in place before an OA can be issued.

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong  
Chief Conservation Officer

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