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Dear John Hawkins:

Benefit Plan Requirement (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). The OA application covers the proposed abandonment of six wells operated by MGM in the Sahtu Settlement Area of the Northwest Territories.

On October 15, 2019, OROGO deferred consideration of MGM's OA application pending confirmation of a preliminary screening determination by the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) and approval of MGM's Benefits Plan by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

The SLWB Public Registry shows the preliminary screening determination for S19A-004 and S19L1-003, the Land Use Permit and Water Licence for the proposed abandonment activities, was issued on May 27, 2021.

Section 17(2) of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* states that an OA cannot be granted until the Benefits Plan has been approved or the requirement for a Benefits Plan has been waived. Please provide an update on the status of MGM's Benefits Plan (confirmation that it has been approved or that the requirement for a Benefits Plan has been waived) no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 18, 2021.

Please contact Peter Lennie-Misgeld, Senior Advisor, Legislation and Policy at oro.go@gov.nt.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong
Regulator