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December 3, 2021

Dear Chris Moger:

2022/23 Sahtu Area Abandonment Program (OA-2021-003-SUN)

The Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a notice from the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) recommending the postponement of work associated with abandonments in the Liard and Sahtu areas of the NWT for this upcoming 2021/22 winter field season.

While this notice does not seem to impact Suncor Energy Inc's (Suncor) abandonment programs in the Sahtu area, OROGO is requiring all oil and gas operators consider how abandonment operations can be conducted in the 2022/23 winter operating season in a manner that minimizes risks of COVID-19 transmission to local communities, contractors and other personnel. OROGO requests that Suncor develop and provide the following:

An execution plan to conduct field operations in 2022/23 that meets all requirements of the CPHO's Public Health Order – COVID-19 Directed at Mineral and Petroleum Industry (https://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/sites/covid/files/resources/pho_-_mpr_en_2.pdf). The execution plan must be submitted to OROGO at oro.go@gov.nt.ca, with a copy to ProtectNWT at protectnwt@gov.nt.ca, by August 31, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (867) 767-9097 or by email at oro.go@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong
Regulator