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Dear Ms. Choi:

Request for Approval of a Benefits Plan relating to the Jean Marie River B-48 Well Re-Abandonment Project

I write to you in response to your letter dated September 24, 2021, regarding Imperial Oil's (Imperial) Benefits Plan for the Well Re-Abandonment Project located at Jean Marie River, Well B-48.

The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) has responsibility for administering oil and gas benefits plans on petroleum lands as outlined in the Northwest Territories *Oil and Gas Operations Act (OGOA)*. As per OGOA 17(2) no authorization of work or activity may be issued until the Minister has approved a benefits plan in respect of the work or activity.

It is with pleasure that I approve the proposed Benefits Plan submitted by Imperial, with the request that Imperial submits a relevant report on the implementation of the Benefits Plan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Benji Straker, Director, Mineral and Petroleum Resource Division by email at Benji.Straker@gov.nt.ca or call 867-767-9209, ext. 63160.

Sincerely,

Caroline Wawzonek
Minister
Industry, Tourism and Investment

Attachment