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March 28, 2023

Dear Jonathon Michel:

**Direction: Response to Information Request No. 3 (OA-2022-001-AC)**

On March 3, 2023, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) issued Information Request No. 3 (IR3) to Aurora College for OA-2022-001-AC. Aurora College's response was due before 4:00 p.m. on March 13, 2023.

On March 14, 2023, Canadian Petroleum Engineering Inc. (CPE), consultant to Aurora College, was notified of the outstanding IR and asked to respond before 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2023.

On March 15, 2023, CPE responded with an email stating that they were waiting for information from Aurora College to prepare the response to IR3 and expected to have that information "in the next couple of days". I responded that CPE should provide a new deadline by which it would be able to respond to the IR if Aurora College wished to request an extension. OROGO did not receive a formal request for an extension or any further communication in response to IR3.

Aurora College's failure to respond to IR3 in a timely manner means that OA-2022-001-AC will not be issued in time for Aurora College to abandon the Aurora Training Well G-04 (WID1915) by the end of March 2023, as proposed in its application. The current deadline for abandoning this well in accordance with the *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes*, January 31, 2023, has already passed.

**Therefore, I direct Aurora College to provide a complete and fulsome response to IR3 on or before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. The response must be submitted by email to [oroqo@gov.nt.ca](mailto:oroqo@gov.nt.ca) or through OROGO's secure file transfer site.**

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Failure to comply with the direction of the Regulator may result in further enforcement activity, up to and including an order by the Regulator under section 20 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*.

Sincerely,



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Regulator

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