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April 20, 2023

Dear Jonathon Michel:

**Direction: Abandonment of the
Aurora Training Well G-04 (WID1915) and Response to Regulator's Inquiries**

On April 20, 2023, I issued two Notices of Non-Compliance to Aurora College for failing to:

1. Comply with the Regulator's direction to abandon the Aurora Training Well G-04 (WID1915) by January 31, 2023; and
2. Respond to the Regulator's inquiries in a timely manner.

Based on this non-compliance and the April 13, 2023, letter received from Canadian Petroleum Engineering Inc. (CPE) on behalf of Aurora College, I have concluded that additional direction is required to ensure that this non-compliant well is abandoned appropriately.

Therefore, I direct Aurora College to:

1. **Provide all the information requested in Information Request No. 3 for OA-2022-001-AC, including an Environmental Protection Plan, Safety Plan, and Contingency Plan that meet the regulatory requirements, to the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) at oroogo@gov.nt.ca by May 1, 2023;**
2. **Provide all the information requested in Information Request No. 2 for ACW-2023-AC-G-04-WID1915, as well as an updated Abandonment Program that meets the requirements of the *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes*, including the requirements for cement evaluation and contingency steps for conducting remedial cementing operations, to OROGO at oroogo@gov.nt.ca by May 1, 2023;**
3. **Respond to any additional Information Requests from the Regulator within one week;**

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4. **Complete pre-abandonment gas migration testing at the Aurora Training Well G-04 no later than 4 weeks before the beginning of abandonment operations;**
5. **Provide a schedule for the abandonment of the Aurora Training Well G-04 that addresses pre-abandonment gas migration testing, equipment mobilization, and completion of the operation, to OROGO at orogo@gov.nt.ca by May 1, 2023; and**
6. **Abandon the Aurora Training Well G-04 (WID1915) by August 31, 2023.**

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*.

Failure to comply with an order of the Regulator made under OGOA is an offence under section 114(1) of OGOA, which provides, in part, that every person is guilty of an offence who fails to comply with an order of the Regulator made under OGOA and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$1,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both (section 114(2) of OGOA).

In addition, upon being convicted of an offence, the court may order that person to comply with the order (see section 115 of OGOA). If an offence is committed on or continued for more than one day, the offence is considered to be a separate offence for each day on which the offence is committed or continued (see section 116 of OGOA).

Sincerely,



Pauline de Jong
Regulator

- c. Glenda Vardy Dell, President, Aurora College
Lorne Hammer, Canadian Petroleum Engineering Inc.
Ron McCosh, Canadian Petroleum Engineering Inc.