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June 6, 2023

Dear Lorne Hammer:

**Information Request No. 5: Aurora Training Well Abandonment (OA-2022-001-AC)**

On December 12, 2022, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a complete Operations Authorization (OA) application from Canadian Petroleum Engineering Inc., on behalf of Aurora College, for the abandonment of the Aurora Training Well G-04 (WID1915) in the Gwich'in Settlement Area. OROGO also received Aurora College's response to Information Request No. 1 on February 6, 2023, Information Request No. 2 on March 1, 2023, Information Request No. 3 on May 1, 2023, and Information Request No. 4 on May 26, 2023.

OROGO has reviewed the information provided by Aurora College and requires additional information to complete its review of Aurora College's OA application, as set out in the attached Information Request No. 5.

Please send your written responses and any associated correspondence to OROGO at [oro.go@gov.nt.ca](mailto:oro.go@gov.nt.ca) or through OROGO's secure file transfer site, on or before 4:00 pm June 14, 2023. If you are unable to respond within this timeframe or have any questions, please contact OROGO at 867-767-9097 or by email at [oro.go@gov.nt.ca](mailto:oro.go@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong  
Regulator

Encl. Information Request No. 5

c Jonathan Michel, Director Aurora Campus, Aurora College  
Glenda Vardy Dell, President, Aurora College  
Ron McCosh, Canadian Petroleum Engineering Inc.

**Information Request No. 5**  
**Aurora Training Well G-04 Abandonment**  
**OA-2022-001-AC**

**5.1 Insurance Coverage**

**Preamble:**

In its response to Information Request No. 4, received on May 26, 2023, Aurora College committed to submitting proof of insurance to OROGO by May 31, 2023. Aurora College has not met this commitment.

OROGO requires proof of insurance to assess Aurora College's financial ability to carry out the well abandonment as planned, including the ability to fully implement its safety plan, environmental protection plan, and contingency plans (see page 14 of the *Application Guidelines and Interpretation Notes – Well Suspension and Abandonment*).

**Request:**

Submit proof of insurance to OROGO.

**5.2 Benefits Plan**

**Preamble:**

Under section 17 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*, the Regulator cannot issue an Operations Authorization without the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment's approval of, or waiver of, the requirement for a benefits plan.

In its responses to Information Request No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4, Aurora College indicated that it "attempted" to submit a request for a waiver to the Minister on February 5 or 6, 2023.

As Aurora College plans to begin operations with gas migration testing on July 16, 2023, it is imperative that Aurora College provide confirmation of the Minister's decision on its request to waive the requirement for a benefits plan.

**Request:**

Submit confirmation of the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment's decision in response to Aurora College's request for a waiver of the benefits plan requirement.