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Good Morning

Aurora College is committed to following the necessary steps to abandon the training well in Inuvik. However, as the well was never drilled out, we believe some of the steps are perhaps extreme given that the likelihood of any environmental impact is so remote. An electric wireline logging truck has to be brought up from Alberta or BC and will take 4 days to mob and 4 days to demob the truck for a project that is only about 3 days long. This training well was created in partnership with several other partners however Aurora College is the last man standing and happens to have its name attached to the well. There were essentially no financial benefits from the limited training that came from this program that was delivered once in 2001. Nobody projected this financial liability back in 2001 as we did for Mallik. The cost now is approximately \$266K not including the \$76K for financial security which is more than Aurora College ever invested itself in the training well construction in 2001.

I know we applied for a waiver of the cement casing inspection which was a large portion of the cost and it was denied. We thought that perhaps if we did the gas migration testing, casing pressure testing, and cut and capped the well with proper signage, the cost would be more in the \$65K range. Even if we agreed to soil sampling after one year that would be much more financially possible for us. However, we have not planned for an expense of \$266K in this fiscal year and it may mean there are academic programs in Inuvik that we have to cancel this year. Even if there was another well or company that was bringing up the required equipment in the near future and we could share the cost, that would help to mitigate the cost.

I am hoping you can help us problem solve this current issue. We want to fulfill our obligations but frankly the cost is prohibitive. Something that started out as a good idea more than 20 years ago is now coming back to bite us.

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