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Dear Jonathon Michel:

Request for Approval of a Benefits Plan Aurora College (AC) Well G-04 Project

With respect to your submission dated September 18, 2023, regarding Aurora College's Benefits Plan for the Well Abandonment Project located within the community of Inuvik.

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.*

Although the Aurora College (AC) abandonment section of the benefits plan is based out of Alberta it is my understanding that AC will use as much Northwest Territories supply as possible.

As such I approve the proposed Benefits Plan submitted by AC, with the request that AC submits a relevant report on the implementation of the Benefits Plan as per section 6 of the Benefits Plan Guidelines.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Mineral and Petroleum Resources team should you require further assistance. Lenora McLeod, Oil and Gas Rights Acting Manager/Oil and Gas Rights Registrar can be reached at (867) 678-8024 ext. 63675 or by email at Lenora.McLeod@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

Caroline Wawzonek
Minister
Industry, Tourism and Investment

c. Pamela Strand, Deputy Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment