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October 16, 2023

Dear John Hawkins:

Information Request No. 2: MGM Energy Application for an Operations Authorization to Abandon the East Mackay I-78 Well (OA-2023-001-MGM)

On August 30, 2023, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a complete application from MGM Energy (MGM) for an Operations Authorization (OA) for the proposed abandonment of the East Mackay I-78 well (WID2078) near Tulita in the Sahtu Settlement Area.

OROGO has reviewed MGM's application and response to Information Request No. 1 and requires additional information, as set out in the attached Information Request No. 2.

Please send your written responses and any associated correspondence to OROGO at oro.go@gov.nt.ca or through OROGO's secure file transfer site, on or before 4:00 p.m. on October 30, 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.

Sincerely,



Pauline de Jong
Regulator

Encl. Information Request No. 2

MGM Energy (MGM)
Application for an Operations Authorization (OA-2023-001-MGM)
Information Request No. 2

2.1 Site Specific Safety Plan

Preamble: The *Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations* (OGDPR) state a Safety Plan must include:

A summary of the studies undertaken to identify hazards and to evaluate safety risks related to the proposed work or activity (Section 8(b)).

A description of the organizational structure for the proposed work or activity and the command structure on the installation, which clearly explains:

(i) their relationship to each other, and

(ii) the contact information and position of the person accountable for the safety plan and of the person responsible for implementing it (Section 8(f)).

In the Safety Plan submitted with MGM's application package, OROGO was unable to locate:

- Summaries of studies to evaluate safety risks associated with this project.
- An organizational structure that included name, contact information, and the relationship between the positions.

Request: Please provide an updated Safety Plan that meets Sections 8 (b) and (f) of the OGDPR.

2.2 Environmental Protection Plan

Preamble: The OGDPR state an Environmental Protection Plan must include:

A description of the organizational structure for the proposed work or activity and the command structure on the installation, which clearly explains:

(i) their relationship to each other, and

(ii) the contact information and position of the person accountable for the environmental protection plan and the person responsible for implementing it (Section 9(f)).

In the Environmental Protection Plan submitted with MGM's application package, OROGO was unable to locate an organizational structure that included name, contact information, and the relationship between the positions.

Request: Please provide an updated Environmental Protection Plan that meets Section 9(f) of the OGDPR.

2.3 Emergency Response Plan

Preamble: Section 5C of the *Contingency Plan Guidelines and Interpretation Notes* (Guidelines) state a Contingency Plan must ensure the "individuals responsible for the implementation of the Contingency Plan are identified and the relationships between emergency response positions are clear".

In the Emergency Response Plan submitted with MGM's application package, OROGO was unable to locate an organizational structure in this plan that included names of individuals and their positions.

Section 5E of the Guidelines state a Contingency Plan must speak to "continuous improvement of the Contingency Plan based on lessons learned".

In the Emergency Response Plan submitted with MGM's application package, OROGO was unable to locate the section of the Emergency Response Plan identifying events that may trigger changes to the Plan, including:

- New regulatory requirements;
- New management expectations;
- New management procedures;
- Lessons learned from emergency preparedness and response exercises; and
- New or replacement equipment and technology.

Request: Please provide an updated Emergency Response Plan that meets Sections 5C and 5E of the Guidelines.