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By Email Only

Laverne Dyck

**Statement of Concern No. 32199
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL)
Application No. 32048871**

Dear Ms. Dyck:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 32048871. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your SOC, along with the application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required to consider the concerns outlined in your SOC.

In our review of your concerns, we considered the following:

- CNRL has applied to abandon segment no. 6 of pipeline licence no. 54181. The abandonment work has already been completed, and the application is for an administrative change to the status of the pipeline.
- The pipeline previously carried fuel gas, and contained 0.0 mol/kmol of H₂S, therefore the concerns around H₂S are outside the scope of the current application.
- The concerns around H₂S levels at the well are outside the scope of the current pipeline application. Additionally, CNRL is required to address all operational complaints, should any arise, regarding application requirements and approval conditions. You may contact the AER Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hour Response Line 1-800-222-6514 to file any complaints.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a decision on the application. The AER has issued the applied-for licence and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the licence is attached.

All AER-regulated parties must comply not only with the conditions of their authorizations, but with all of the AER's regulatory requirements. To ensure industry compliance the AER has developed its

Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework, which embodies the three main components of all effective compliance assurance programs, those being education, prevention, and enforcement. You can find out more about how the AER verifies industry compliance and responds to noncompliance here: <https://aer.ca/regulating-development/compliance/compliance-assurance-program>.

You may file a regulatory appeal on the AER's decision to issue the licence if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are located here: <https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process>.

If you have any questions please contact SOC@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

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Attachment (1): Licence

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