

2020 ABAER 008

Proceeding 387

TAQA North Ltd.

Regulatory Appeal of Cancelled Reclamation Certificate

Decision

[1] The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has discontinued the regulatory appeal because the request for the regulatory appeal has been withdrawn.

Discussion

[2] TAQA North Ltd. (TAQA) was issued reclamation certificate 104817 for a well site in Legal Subdivision 7, Section 15, Township 73, Range 5, West of the 6th Meridian, about 12 kilometres from Grande Prairie. The AER issued the reclamation certificate on June 18, 2016.

[3] On January 9, 2018, the AER Closure and Liability Branch conducted an audit of subsurface conditions at the well site. The Closure and Liability Branch cancelled the reclamation certificate on April 4, 2019, stating that the audit results indicated that the well site did not meet the Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guidelines for hydrocarbons, trace elements, and salinity.

[4] On May 2, 2019, TAQA submitted a request for a regulatory appeal, under Part 2, Division 3 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* and Part 3 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice*, of the AER's decision to cancel reclamation certificate 104817, alleging that the reasons for the cancellation are invalid. The AER approved the request for regulatory appeal on August 26, 2019.

[5] The AER was scheduled to hold a public hearing in Calgary, Alberta, on June 3, 2020, before hearing commissioner C.L.F. Chiasson (presiding). The AER received a request from the hearing participants to adjourn the hearing and granted the adjournment. The hearing had not been rescheduled.

[6] On June 23, 2020, TAQA withdrew the request for a regulatory appeal. The AER has therefore discontinued the regulatory appeal, as required under section 32.4 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice*.

[7] Accordingly, a public hearing will not be held.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on July 7, 2020.

Alberta Energy Regulator

C.L.F. Chiasson, LL.B.

Presiding Hearing Commissioner