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**EPEA APPLICATION NO. 013-00149968**  
**WATER ACT APPLICATION NO. 026-00201931**  
**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED (CNRL)**  
**TRACKING NO. 31271**

Dear Margaret Luker:

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated July 20, 2018, in which you outlined concerns about the subject application. Your letter has been received after the deadline for filing a statement of concern (SOC). The *Responsible Energy Development Act* and the *AER Rules of Practice* require you to file a SOC within the deadline set out in the notice of application, unless the AER permits you to file the SOC late.

The AER has decided not to permit your late filing based on the following reasons:

- The deadline to file an SOC for the subject application was June 11, 2018, at 4:00 PM. Your SOC was received July 20, 2018; 39 days past the deadline for filing.
- No request for an extension to file a SOC was received prior to the deadline.
- In determining whether or not to permit a late filed SOC, the AER must balance fairness between the parties, recognizing the interests that are involved. This is a balance between making timely decisions for applicants and allowing concerned parties the opportunity to participate in the regulatory process.

If you have any questions, contact Yvonne Chow by e-mail at [Yvonne.Chow@aer.ca](mailto:Yvonne.Chow@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<Originally signed by>

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Enclosure (1): **31271 - MCFN-GIR to CNRL - SOC - 2017-07-20**

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