

BY E-MAIL ONLY

August 3, 2017

Dr. Gerry Prince

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT

APPLICATION NO. 119806

STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 30532

Dear Dr. Gerry Prince:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 119806. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the application, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not necessary to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In its review of your concerns, the AER considered the following:

- A detailed site assessment (DSA) was conducted at the site located at 16-33-12-3W4M on September 12, 2016, by Matrix Solutions Inc. The results of the DSA indicate that landscape, soils, and vegetation, including invasive weed species, at the site were comparable to offsite adjacent lands.
- The AER conducted a site inspection on May 16, 2017. The AER observed that the topsoil depths/texture/color were similar to the findings of the 2016 DSA, the crop residue was consistent on and offsite and that the field had recently been seeded to a perennial hay crop. Alfalfa and orchard grass seedlings were observed throughout the field and had good establishment, seedling vigor and growth both on and off the lease site.
- Information from the site visit and the DSA demonstrates that the site meets the *2010 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities for Cultivated Lands (2010 Reclamation Criteria)* for landscape, soils and vegetation.

- The AER understands that, at this time, you are not requesting a hearing to consider your concerns.
- The *2010 Reclamation Criteria* are applied “to evaluate whether a site has met equivalent land capability.” Given that the site meets the *2010 Reclamation Criteria*, the AER is satisfied that the site has met equivalent land capability and your concerns raised in your statement of concern have been addressed.

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The AER has issued the applied-for reclamation certificate and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the reclamation certificate is attached. Under the *Responsible Energy Development Act* an eligible person may file a request for a regulatory appeal on an appealable decision. Eligible persons and appealable decisions are defined in section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* and section 3.1 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act General Regulation*. If you wish to file a request for regulatory appeal, you must submit your request in the form and manner and within the timeframe required by the AER. You can find filing requirements and forms on the AER website, <http://www.aer.ca/applications-and-notices/appeals>.

If you have any questions, contact Rachel Ruddell at 403-297-8557 or e-mail rachel.ruddell@er.ca.

Sincerely,

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Helene de Beer
Director, Oil and Gas Closure and Liability

Enclosure (1): Reclamation Certificate

cc: Tyler Britton, City of Medicine Hat
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