

BY E-MAIL ONLY

July 24, 2018

Mr. Ivan Schlaht

CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED

APPLICATION NO.157343

STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31098

Dear Ivan Schlaht:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 157343. 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 required under an enactment, or 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 on August 11, 2016 and showed that the conditions of the soil, landscape, and vegetation were comparable both onsite and offsite. The DSA indicated that all parameters of the *2010 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities for Cultivated Lands* (Reclamation Criteria) were met.
- A site visit was conducted on April 25, 2018 and AER staff confirmed that the onsite and offsite vegetation, landscape and soils parameters appeared to be comparable.
- Your concerns regarding the approach from the country road (northeast corner) relate to a matter beyond the scope of this application, as this area was not included in this application. The AER expects that this area will be included in a reclamation certificate application for CNRL's 12-09-021-02 W4M location.
- The Reclamation Criteria are applied "to evaluate whether a site has met equivalent land capability." Given that the site meets the Reclamation Criteria, the AER is satisfied that the site has met equivalent land capability and that your concerns have been addressed.

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/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process>.

If you have any questions, contact Megan Carfantan by e-mail at Megan.Carfantan@er.ca.

Sincerely,

<Originally signed by>

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Attachment: Reclamation Certificate (1)

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