

BY E-MAIL ONLY

July 30, 2018

Roger Knull

**ENERPLUS CORPORATION**  
**APPLICATION NO. 168613**  
**STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31146**

Dear Roger Knull:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 168613. 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 by the consultant for the operator in September 2017 and the consultant found soils on site to be comparable to offsite and no visual or measured differences in vegetation on the site compared to offsite. The DSA found conditions on the site to be satisfactory and indicated that the site meets the 2010 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities for Cultivated Lands (Reclamation Criteria).
- An AER Senior Assessor reviewed the Reclamation Certificate application on May 29, 2018 and conducted a site visit on May 31, 2018. Your concerns regarding salt impacts and sample locations on the site were considered. The results of the review showed that there were no visual indicators of excess salinity being present. The soil and vegetation parameters on the wellsite area were consistent with offsite, and there was no evidence of a sump to be sampled. Overall, it was determined that the site met Reclamation Criteria.

- 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 your concerns raised in your statement of concern have been addressed.
- The pipeline settling concerns you refer to were considered and determined to occur beyond the boundary of the lease site, and therefore relate to a matter beyond the scope of the subject application.

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The AER has issued the applied-for certificate and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the 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, <https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process>. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Maric at 403-297-5292 or e-mail [Lynn.Maric@aer.ca](mailto:Lynn.Maric@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Tania De Silva

Director, Oil & Gas Closure and Liability

Enclosure (1): Reclamation Certificate

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