

By Email Only

May 28, 2020

Ivan Schlaht

**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED
APPLICATION NO. 1691593
STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31626**

Dear Ivan Schlaht:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Reclamation Certificate Application No. 1691593 at 100/14-09-021-02W4M. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the CNRL's application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the reclamation application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In our review of your concerns, we considered the following:

- The results of the Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) conducted in September 2014, are consistent with the *Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guidelines – ABT1G* (ESRD, 2014).
- The Detailed Site Assessment (DSA) completed on July 24, 2018, shows that all soil, landscape, and vegetation parameters of the *2010 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities for Cultivated Lands* (Reclamation Criteria) were met. The DSA indicated that all of the parameters were comparable both onsite and offsite.
- During the site visit conducted on April 22, 2020, by the AER's Reclamation Assessor in your presence, you indicated to the AER's Reclamation Assessor that you do not have any outstanding concerns about the 100/14-09-21-02W4M reclamation site.
- The Reclamation Criteria are applied to evaluate whether "a site has met equivalent land capability." Given the findings made in the DSA and during the AER site visit, the AER is satisfied that the site has met equivalent land capability and that your concerns have been addressed.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a decision on the application. The AER is satisfied that the site has met equivalent land

capability and has issued the applied-for Reclamation Certificate, and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the Reclamation Certificate is attached.

All AER-regulated parties must comply not only with the conditions of their authorizations but with all of the AER's regulatory requirements. To ensure industry compliance, the AER has developed its *Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework*, which embodies the three main components of all effective compliance assurance programs, those being education, prevention, and enforcement. You can find out more about how the AER verifies industry compliance and responds to noncompliance here: <https://aer.ca/regulating-development/compliance/compliance-assurance-program>.

You may file a regulatory appeal on the AER's decision to issue the Reclamation Certificate if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are on the AER website under Regulatory Appeal Process.

If you have any questions, please contact SOC@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Andrew MacPherson
Director, Regulatory Applications

Enclosure (1): **Reclamation Certificate**

cc: Kayley du Plessix, Canadian Natural Resources Limited
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