

BY E-MAIL ONLY

November 22, 2017

Ken Cowles

**TOURMALINE OIL CORP.
APPLICATIONS NO. 1896015, 1895071, 1895072, 1895073
STATEMENTS OF CONCERN NO. 30831 AND 30834**

Dear Mr. Cowles:

You are receiving this letter because you filed statements of concern about Applications No. 1896015, 1895071, 1895072, and 1895073. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statements of concern, along with the applications, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the applications. 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:

- You do not own the property on which the project is proposed, however, you have a trapper's cabin located approximately 1 kilometre from the location of the applied-for wells and facility.
- You hold licensed trap line No. 1345, which grants you the right to exclusively trap fur bearing animals on the lands on which the project is proposed. However, a trapping permit does not grant the permit holder exclusive rights to use of the lands.
- The applied-for wells are proposed for an existing multiwell padsite.
- Your concerns regarding the impact on wildlife, the environment and safety in the area are general in nature. You do not identify a specific location on or near the project that will or may be affected by the proposed activities, rather, you state that the increased number of oil and gas facilities and greater intensity of land and road use by industry in the area negatively impacts your harvesting,

trapping trails, and the value of your trapline, as well as safety and property concerns in the vicinity of your cabin.

- The use of private roadways in the area is governed by agreements and corporate policies. Tourmaline Oil Corp. has indicated that it will post signage, and enforce safety and usage restrictions (including the use of radios) relating to the safe use of roadways.
- Tourmaline Oil Corp. is required to meet all environmental and regulatory guidelines and requirements.
- The stated concerns regarding compensation are outside the AER's jurisdiction, and to the extent they relate to a loss of trapping assets they should be addressed by the Alberta Trappers' Compensation Board.

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Based on the above, you have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by approval of the applications or that the AER should hold a hearing before making its decision on the applications. The AER has issued the applied-for licences and this is your notice of that decision. Copies of the licences are 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-notice/appeals>.

If you have any questions, contact Valeria Silva at 403-592-4157 or e-mail valeria.silva@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Enclosure (4) **Licence**

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