

BY E-MAIL ONLY

January 29, 2018

**DARREN FREDERICK
COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS****RE: IMPERIAL OIL RESOURCES LIMITED
PUBLIC LANDS APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED OIL SANDS EXPLORATION
PROGRAM
APPLICATION NO. A10058634 (OSE170009)
FNC NO. 201704665
STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 30836**

Dear Darren Frederick:

You are receiving this letter because you act on behalf of Cold Lake First Nations (CLFN), which filed a statement of concern about Imperial Oil Resources Limited (Imperial) Application No. 1897490 and Application No. A10058634 (OSE 170009). The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed CLFN's statement of concern and its further correspondence, along with the Applications, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the Applications and has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment or otherwise necessary to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In its review of CLFN's concerns, the AER considered the following:

- The project is located approximately 20 kilometres from CLFN Reserves 149B and 149C.
- In order to reduce habitat loss, Imperial will employ mitigation measures including utilizing the existing cleared areas for access where possible, existing locations for camps/trailers, and spreading mulch on roads/drilling sites to promote natural plant regrowth.
- Imperial no longer plans to drill the CLFSS OV Surface 9-20-66-3W4 well as it was within the Boreal Caribou Range; however, the remaining wells in the OSE program are south of the Boreal Caribou Range as per the Alberta Caribou Ranges map on the Alberta government website.

- The timeline for the project from start to finish is approximately 4 to 6 days with reclamation work at the site to be carried out over a 7 to 10 day period after drilling. The AER has previously determined that OSE program impacts are localized and temporary in nature (*Decision 2013 ABAER 017*). inquiries 1-855-297-8311
24-hour emergency 1-800-222-6514
- Should Imperial request to retain the wells as observations wells, Imperial must apply to the AER for a long term land disposition and must notify CLFN as part of the notification process.
- The project area is within the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP), which addresses management of cumulative impacts on the environment on a regional basis. The activities proposed in the area of the applications are permitted under the LARP.
- The information provided by CLFN is general in nature and does not identify direct and adverse impacts that may result from the proposed project.
- Any impacts from future applications would be assessed at the time of those applications, and notice of applications would be published on the AER website.

The AER has issued the applied-for approval and well licences; this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the approval and well 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 www.aer.ca under Applications & Notices: Appeals.

If you have any questions, contact _____ by email .

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

Helene de Beer

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