

BY E-MAIL ONLY

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APPLICATIONS No. 1898833 and 1898834 from CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LTD.

STATEMENT OF CONCERN REGISTRATION NO. 30887

Dear Murray Allan James:

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated November 3, 2017 in which you outlined concerns about the subject application. Your letter has been received after the deadline for filing statements of concern (SOC). The *Responsible Energy Development Act* and the *AER Rules of Practice* require you to file a statement of concern within the deadline set out in the notice of application, unless the AER grants an extension to the filing deadline.

The AER has decided to accept your late filed concerns and has assigned SOC registration number 30887. The decision was based on the following:

- 1 day has passed since the deadline for filing.
- The AER is satisfied that you acted expeditiously in the circumstances outlined in your correspondence and filed your letter outlining your concerns in a timely manner.
- Considering all of the above, extending the deadline would not cause an unreasonable delay in processing the application or result in any unfairness to the applicant.

By way of copy of this letter to Canadian Natural Resources Limited, we are encouraging them to contact you to attempt to address your concerns, in addition to any personal consultation that may be required under AER requirements. As per the AER's process, a formal written response to your statement of concern will be requested from the applicant at a future date.

inquiries 1-855-297-8311
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The AER offers and strongly recommends you make use of our Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program which features either staff or third party mediation arranged through an AER mediator. Please contact Darcy Allen at 1 (780) 642-9289 for more information on this process. Further information about this program is available through *EnerFAQs: All About Alternative Dispute Resolution* and *Manual 004: ADR Alternative Dispute Resolution Program and Guidelines for Energy Industry Disputes* on the AER web site, (<http://www.aer.ca>), under Applications & Notices, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Process.

Please note that the AER has no jurisdiction over matters of compensation for land usage. The Alberta Surface Rights Board is the regulatory agency that deals with these issues.

Please note that Section 49 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice* (Rules) requires that all documents filed with the AER be placed on the public record. However, any party may file a request for confidentiality of information under Section 49 prior to filing the information with the AER. Any request under Section 49 must be copied to the other parties to the proceeding. Section 49 of the Rules is available at the AER website at www.aer.ca.

If you have any questions, contact Lynn Maric at 403-297-5292 or e-mail lynn.maric@er.ca.

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

Rob Borth

Director, Oil & Gas Operations

Attachment (1): **(Statement of Concern - Murray Allan James - 2017-11-03)**

cc: Adele Reed, Canadian Natural Resources Limited
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