

BY EMAIL ONLY

April 29, 2019

Terry Roberts, Q.C.
Nickerson Roberts Holinski & Mercer

CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS NO. 1915808, 1915909, 1915910, 1915911, 1918892, 417195 & 417222

STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31363

Dear Terry Roberts:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern, on behalf of Adams Ranch Ltd. about Applications No. 1915808, 1915909, 1915910, 1915911, 1918892, 417195, & 417222. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the company's application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the applications. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In its review of your concerns, the AER considered the following:

- The concerns regarding traffic are outside of the jurisdiction of the AER and should be addressed by the municipality and Alberta Transportation. Furthermore, CNRL has committed to adhere to the safe driving speeds on all roads, including the access road.
- With regard to the concerns about construction, Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) has committed to construct and drill in frozen conditions, as well as follow the construction practices as per the Special Areas Board Policy (06-05). These concerns have been addressed to the satisfaction of the AER.

- CNRL has committed to mitigate the concerns regarding noxious weeds by ensuring its operations do not result in the introduction or spread of noxious weeds. These concerns have been addressed to the satisfaction of the AER.
- Your concerns about effects of the wells on your water wells are addressed by AER requirements that surface casing be set and cemented to a depth that is intended to protect the deepest aquifer. CNRL must comply with AER requirements which are protective of the groundwater sources.
- The concerns regarding dust are outside of the jurisdiction of the AER and should be raised with the local municipality.
- With regard to your concerns about fencing, CNRL has committed to install fences and Texas gates where reasonably required. These concerns have been addressed to the satisfaction of the AER.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a 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.

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 licences if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are on our website under Regulatory Appeal Process.

If you have any questions, contact Megan Carfantan at 403-297-8415 or megan.carfantan@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Originally Signed By>

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Enclosure (9): **(Licence)**

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