

BY EMAIL ONLY

April 18, 2019

Mr. Rick Stelter

**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED (CNRL)**

**APPLICATION NOS. 1918686, 925995**

**STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31449**

Dear Mr. Stelter:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application Nos. 1918686 and 925995. 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 our review of your concerns, the AER considered the following:

- You are the senior holder of RFMA 1779 which grants you certain rights and privileges by the Alberta Trappers Association, including the right to trap fur on that portion of the lands within which the proposed project is located. The RFMA does not grant you exclusive rights to the lands. Nor does it exclude industrial or other activities from taking place within the RFMA.
- The AER acknowledges your concerns as to the possible impact to bears given your familiarity with the RFMA and the local bears, however CNRL is required to follow all environmental and regulatory guidelines and requirements regarding wildlife and habitat protection, including the grizzly bears in the area of the proposed project.

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 licenses and this is your notice of that decision. Copies of the licenses 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 licenses 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 Silken Leach at 403-355-4032 or [silken.leach@aer.ca](mailto:silken.leach@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Rob Cruickshank

Director, Business Process  
Authorizations

Attachment: **(7) Licenses**

cc: Nelson Lord, CNRL  
AER SOC Assessor  
AER Drayton Valley Field Centre