

BY EMAIL ONLY

July 23, 2019

Zhen Qi Chen, Manager, Subsurface
Petrokana Energy & Resources Development (Petrokana)

CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED (CNRL)

APPLICATION NO. 1921410

STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31536

Dear Zhen Qi Chen:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 1921410. 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 application. 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, we considered the following:

- Petrokana expressed concerns regarding the ownership of the mineral rights in the NW, NE, and SE quarter sections of 21-055-04W4M. CNRL applied for an amendment to remove these lands from its Scheme Approval No. 4746MM (Application No. 1922364). Application 1922364 was approved by the AER on July 4, 2019; therefore, the AER is satisfied that the removal of the NW, NE, and SE quarter sections of 21-055-04W4M addresses your concerns.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a decision on the application. The AER has issued the applied-for approval and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the approval is 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 approval 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 megan.carfantan@aer.ca

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

Lane Peterson
Director, Oil and Gas Surface

Enclosure (1): **Approval**

cc: Brent Hindmarch, CNRL
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