

BY EMAIL ONLY

December 9, 2019

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

CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LTD. (CNRL)

APPLICATION NO. 1924960

STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31605

Dear Zhen Qi Chen:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 1924960. 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:

- Your Oil Sands Lease, which contains portions of lands below the Saskatchewan River, located at the SW, NE and SE sections of 21-55-04W4, are not contained within the applied for amendment to CNRL's Primary Recovery Scheme Approval No. 4746.
- Regarding your concerns about down spacing, CNRL has proposed to keep all spacing approvals located under the Saskatchewan River the same, and has not applied to down space Petrokana's lands.

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 please contact SOC@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

Rob Cruickshank
Director, Business Process

Enclosure (1): **(Approval)**

cc: Brent Hindmarch, CNRL
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