

BY EMAIL ONLY

January 28, 2020

Stephen Swalm and Denise Strange

**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED (CNRL)  
APPLICATION NO. 1925420  
STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31618**

Dear Stephen Swalm and Denise Strange:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 1925420. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern (SOC), 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 SOC.

In our review of your concerns, we considered the following:

- The proposed facility is not located on your lands and your residence is located approximately 1.09 km from the proposed facility.
- In relation to your concerns around noise, CNRL is required to comply with *Directive 038: Noise Control* and address operational noise complaints, if any arise. A Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) was completed for the multi-well gas battery that is the subject of the current application. The AER finds the methodology used and the results in the study to be in compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements. In addition, CNRL has agreed to position the compressor cooling fans pointing west and stated that it works with individual landowners to address noise issues on a specific site basis. The AER expects that CNRL will comply with these commitments.

- Your concerns regarding depreciation of property value due to oil and gas development are general in nature and there was no specific evidence provided in support of this assertion.

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 licence and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the licence 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/licence 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 the SOC Team at [SOC@aer.ca](mailto:SOC@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

Lane Peterson  
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Enclosure (1): **Licence**

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