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By Email Only

Lynda and Gary Hamilton

**Statement of Concern No. 32026
Whitecap Resources Inc. (Whitecap)
Application No. 31351690**

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton,

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 31351690. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your SOC, along with the 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:

- You do not own the property on which the project is proposed.
- Any noise associated with drilling of the well will be temporary in nature. Whitecap will be required to address operational noise complaints if any arise as per *Directive 038: Noise Control*.
- Concerns regarding traffic relate to matters outside of the AER's jurisdiction. These concerns should be addressed by Alberta Transportation or the municipality, as applicable.
- Your concerns around impacts to 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. Whitecap will ensure compliance with AER *Directive 008: Surface Casing Depth Requirement* and AER *Directive 009: Casing Cementing Minimum Requirements*.
- Regarding your concerns related to Odor and Emissions, Whitecap is required to meet *Directive 060: Upstream Petroleum Industry Flaring, Incinerating, and Venting* for emissions. Whitecap is required to address operational complaints if any arise. You may contact the Alberta Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hour Response Line 1-800-222-6514 to file any complaints.

- The AER acknowledges your concerns regarding potential health impacts; however, the concerns expressed are vague, and there is insufficient information provided to demonstrate that you may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed project.
- Your concerns around property value are general in nature, and there is insufficient information to determine that you would be negatively affected.

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 licence if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are located here: <https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process>.

If you have any questions please contact SOC@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Attachment (1): Licence

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