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Tim Coutney
Chipewyan Prairie Industry Relation Corporation LP

Statement of Concern No. 33119
Athabasca Oil Corporation (AOC)
Application No. 34140344
FNC 2026522324

Dear Tim Coutney,

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 34140344. 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:

• The concerns regarding potential impacts to the watershed, air qualityand wildlife within the project area are outside the scope of the subject Application submitted under the *Public Lands Act*. These matters are addressed through separate regulatory approvals and conditions, including AOC's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) Approval 00241311, as amended, which establishes requirements for water management, air quality and emissions, environmental protection, and wildlife monitoring and mitigation within the project area.
• Additionally, AOC is required to follow all the wildlife related conditions within the Public Lands Act approval, as outlined in the Government of Alberta (GOA) Master Standards and Schedule of Conditions.
• CPFN has not provided the AER with sufficient information to demonstrate how the Application will contribute to adverse cumulative impacts and the extent to which those cumulative impacts may impact its members' traditional practices and exercise of Treaty rights. Further, the project area falls within the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP) which addresses the management of cumulative impacts on the environment on a regional basis. The activities proposed for the Application are permitted under LARP.
• CPFN has not provided sufficient information to show how the Application may directly and adversely affect its members, asserted rights, or the lands and waters they commonly use. The project's location, within an area used for traditional activities, without further factual detail, does not establish a sufficient connection between the Application and the asserted impacts.

• The Application is located entirely within the previously approved Kai Kos Dehseh (KKD) Leismer Project area, which has already been subject to extensive environmental assessment, consultation, regulatory review, and approval.
• The concerns regarding Crown consultation are outside the AER's jurisdiction and should be directed to the Aboriginal Consultation Office (ACO). In addition, the ACO issued an Adequacy Decision on FNC202650356 on October 1, 2026, in which the ACO indicated consultation was Adequate.

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 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>

Rushang Joshi,
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Attachment (1): Approval

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