

BY EMAIL ONLY

June 21, 2019

Joey Rode

**HIGHWOOD OIL COMPANY LTD. (HIGHWOOD)
APPLICATION FOR RECLAMATION CERTIFICATE NO. 157614
STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31054**

Dear Joey Rode:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Reclamation Certificate Application No. 157614. 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:

- The Detailed Site Assessment (DSA) for the site completed on August 3, 2017, shows that the conditions of all parameters of *the 2010 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities for Cultivated Lands* (Reclamation Criteria) were met. The DSA indicated that all of the parameters were comparable both onsite and offsite.
- A site visit was conducted on July 12, 2018 by AER staff, a representative from Highwood and you. During the site visit, AER staff confirmed that soil samples were comparable onsite to offsite at the time of assessment and that the soil met the Reclamation Criteria.
- A second site visit was conducted on August 21, 2019 by AER staff. During the site visit, AER staff confirmed that the vegetation was comparable onsite to offsite at the time of assessment, and that the vegetation met the Reclamation Criteria.
- The Reclamation Criteria require are applied to evaluate whether “a site has met equivalent land capability.” Given the findings made in the DSA and during the AER staff site visits, the AER is satisfied that the site has met equivalent land capability and that your concerns have been addressed.

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 Reclamation Certificate and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the Reclamation Certificate is attached.

You may file a regulatory appeal on the AER's decision to issue the reclamation certificate if you satisfy the elements within sections 36 and 38 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are on our website under Regulatory Appeal Process.

If you have any questions, contact Jan Penner

Sincerely,

Tania De Silva
Closure and Liability
Director, Oil Gas and Pipeline

Enclosure **Reclamation Certificate**

cc: #Brian Stasiak, #Highwood Oil Company Ltd
AER Reclamation Assessor
AER Grande Prairie Field Centre
AER Authorizations SOC
AER Appropriate Dispute Resolution