

By Email Only

May 22, 2020

Ivan Schlaht

**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED
APPLICATION NO. 378770
STATEMENTS OF CONCERN NO. 31602**

Dear Ivan Schlaht:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Reclamation Certificate Application No. 378770 at 05-11-21-02W4M. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the CNRL's application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the reclamation application.

Reclamation Certificate Application No. 378770 relates to wellsite EOG MEDHAT 5-11-21-2, with surface disposition MSL13927_SA. You indicated to the AER's Reclamation Assessor that you do not have concerns in relation to this MSL but had entered the legal land locations incorrectly in your SOC form. Your concerns relate to a different wellsite that is not part of this application. Accordingly, as your concern relates to a matter beyond the scope of Reclamation Certificate Application No. 378770, the AER is not considering your SOC as part of this application, pursuant to s. 6.2(2)(b) of the Alberta Energy Regulator *Rules of Practice*.

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 is satisfied that the site has met equivalent land capability and has issued the applied-for Reclamation Certificate, and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the Reclamation Certificate 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 Reclamation Certificate if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are on the AER website under Regulatory Appeal Process.

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

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Andrew MacPherson
Director, Regulatory Applications

Enclosure (1): **Reclamation Certificate**

cc: Kayley du Plessix, Canadian Natural Resources Limited
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