



December 5, 2019

By E-mail

Ivan and Louise Schlaht,

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RE: Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL)
Application No.400363
Statement of Concern No. 31330
Land Location: 100/16-09-21-02W4M
Disposition: N/A

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schlaht:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern in respect of the Application. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the Application, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the Application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment, or necessary, to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In its review of your concerns, the AER considered the following:

- A shallow gas well was drilled on your cultivated lands in July 2003, using full disturbance practices.
- Confirmatory sampling at well center was conducted post abandonment (on September 3, 2014) that confirmed soil quality at well bore area met Tier 1 guidelines.
- Ridgeline Canada Inc. (Ridgeline) conducted a detailed site assessment (DSA) on July 24, 2018. The DSA indicates that the conditions of the soil, landscape, and vegetation on the wellsite and access trail meet all parameters of the *2010 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities for Cultivated lands* (the *Reclamation Criteria*).
- With respect to your concerns regarding stunted crops (2018) and “no topsoil by the approach”, during the DSA the crop health and vigor was assessed and found to be equivalent both on and offsite.
- During a site visit which included Ivan Schlaht, CNRL and AER representatives on November 6, 2018. Following the walk around the site, Ivan conceded that there were not any concerns with the site.

- The *Reclamation Criteria* are applied “to evaluate whether a site has met equivalent land capability.” The DSA indicates that the wellsite met the *Reclamation Criteria*. As a result, the AER is satisfied that the wellsite has met equivalent land capability.

The AER has issued the applied-for reclamation certificate and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the reclamation certificate is enclosed.

You may file a regulatory appeal of 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 Tracy Kupchenko by e-mail at tracy.kupchenko@ aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original Signed by:>

Tania De Silva
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Closure & Liability

Enclosure (1): Reclamation Certificate

cc: Kayley Du Plessix, Canadian Natural Resources Limited,
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