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**Kehewin Cree Nation** 

## APPLICATIONS No. LOC140633, PLA141333, MSL142192, LOC142079, LOC151061 from CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED (CNRL) STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 28986

To Whom It May Concern,

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern on behalf of Kehewin Cree Nation, Chief and Council, and its members (KCN) about Applications No. LOC140633, PLA141333, MSL142192, LOC142079, LOC151061. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the Applications, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the Applications and has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment or otherwise necessary to consider the concerns outlined in KCN's statement of concern.

In its review of KCN's concerns, the AER considered the following:

- KCN's reserve boundary is located approx. 45 kilometers from the proposed projects.
- Efforts made by CNRL and KCN to resolve the issues in dispute directly with
  each other, through in person meetings and correspondence. Mitigation measures
  and terms for moving forward were proposed and agreed too. For example,
  CNRL committed to provide KCN with two weeks' notice prior to construction
  so that it may harvest all rare medicines and plants identified by KCN.
- With respect to the concern regarding unmarked graves identified by KCN,
   Historical Resources Act clearance was granted on June 13, 2014. With respect
   to the concern regarding the location of the proposed project within an area
   designated as a Moose Habitat Enhancement Area and a Wildlife Management

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Conservation Area, CNRL has addressed mitigation for being within the Key Wildlife and Biodiversity Zone in their Non Standard Mitigation.

 Concerns raised in KCN's SOC have been addressed to the satisfaction of the AER.

The AER has issued the applied-for authorizations and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the authorizations is attached. Under the *Responsible Energy Development Act* an eligible person may file a request for a regulatory appeal on an appealable decision. Eligible persons and appealable decisions are defined in section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* and section 3.1 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act General Regulation*. If you wish to file a request for regulatory appeal, you must submit your request in the form and manner and within the timeframe required by the AER. You can find filing requirements and forms on the AER website www.aer.ca under Applications & Notices: Appeals.

If you have any questions, contact Allison Shepherd at 780-743-7485 or e-mail Allison.Shepherd@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (5): LOC140633 Notice of Decision

PLA141333 Notice of Decision, MSL142192 Notice of Decision LOC142079 Notice of Decision LOC151061 Notice of Decision

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