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John Alook
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Chipewan Prairie Industry Relations Corporation

RE: IMPERIAL OIL RESOURCES LIMITED
LAND USE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED OIL SANDS EVALUATION (OSE)
APPLICATION NO. A10058536 (OSE170007)
FNC201704320-001
STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 30828

Dear Mr. Alook:

You are receiving this letter because you act on behalf of Chipewan Prairie Dene First Nations (CPDFN), who filed a statement of concern in response to Imperial Oil Resources Limited (Imperial) Application No. A10058536 (OSE 170007). The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed CPDFN's statement of concern and their further correspondence, along with the Application, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the Application and has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment or otherwise necessary to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

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

- The OSE project is located approximately 32 kms from CPDFN Janvier 194 Reserve.
- Imperial will employ mitigation measures including utilizing the existing cleared areas for access where possible, existing locations for camps/trailers, and spreading mulch on roads/drilling sites to promote natural plant regrowth, in order to reduce habitat loss.
- Imperial has submitted a Caribou Protection Plan as the wells in the OSE program are within the Boreal Caribou Range.
- The timeline for the project from start to finish is approximately 4 to 6 days with reclamation work at the site to be carried out over a 7 to 10 day period after drilling.

- The AER has previously determined that OSE program impacts are localized and temporary in nature (*Decision 2013 ABAER 017*).
- Should Imperial request to retain the wells as observations wells, Imperial must apply to the AER for a long term land disposition and must notify CPDFN as part of the notification process.
- Any impacts from future applications would be assessed at the time of those applications, and notice of applications would be published on the AER website.
- The information provided by CPDFN is general in nature and does not identify direct and adverse impacts that may result from the proposed project.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Approval OSE170007

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