

June 13, 2022

Enforcement File: 2019-097FSJ

Canadian Natural Resources Limited
2100, 855-2nd Street S.W.
Calgary Alberta T2P 4J8

Attention: Mr. Bill Clapperton, V.P. Regulatory, Stakeholder and Environmental Affairs

Re: General Order 2019-012

Dear Mr. Clapperton:

On October 2, 2019, the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) issued General Order 2019-012 to Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL).

CNRL has satisfied all the requirements of the Order.

Please be advised that pursuant to section 49(8) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, General Order 2019-012 is hereby terminated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Sincerely,



Dax Bourke
A/Executive Director, Compliance & Enforcement
BC Oil and Gas Commission

GENERAL ORDER 2019-012
Section 49 *Oil and Gas Activities Act*

Issued to:

Canadian Natural Resources Limited
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Calgary Alberta T2P 4J8

Attention: Mr. Bill Clapperton, V.P. Regulatory, Stakeholder and Environmental Affairs

Order:

Pursuant to section 49(1)(e) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* (the Act), I, Patrick Smook, order that Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) must:

1. On or before October 4th, 2019, implement adequate measures to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area of the operating area located at 13-07-088-23, WA 1580 (operating area).

Conditions:

- A. This order shall remain in effect until amended or terminated in whole or in part by the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission).

Reasons:

I make this order for the following reasons:

- i. CNRL is the permit holder of the operating area.
- ii. On September 12th, 2016 CNRL provided the Commission with a report by Matrix Solutions that showed material within the operating area that is a hazard to big game health. Upon review of this report, the Commission required CNRL to establish a means to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area identified in the report by October 31, 2016.
- iii. On October 26th, 2016 CNRL confirmed the impacted area was fenced off.
- iv. On July 15th, 2019 an inspection was conducted by commission staff and noted fencing was removed and big game activity noted in the impacted area.

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- v. On July 16th 2019, the Commission issued a high deficiency to CNRL under s. 15 (3)(a) of the Drilling and Production Regulation for failing to minimize hazards to big game health.
- vi. August 19th 2019, CNRL notified the Commission that CNRL supervised the backfill of the impacted area, removing the wildlife attractant as well as minimizing further risk to the area in question.
- vii. An inspection conducted by Commission staff on September 20th, 2019 determined that the measures implemented by CNRL were not adequate to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area.
- viii. On September 23rd, 2019 the Commission issued a high deficiency to CNRL under s. 15 (3)(a) of the Drilling and Production Regulation for failing to minimize hazards to big game health.
- ix. An inspection conducted by Commission staff on September 27th, 2019 showed that the measures implemented by CNRL were not adequate to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area.
- x. I am of the opinion that urgent action is needed to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area.
- xi. I am of the opinion this order is necessary to protect the environment.

Review and Appeal

CNRL may request a review of this order under section 70 of the Act by submitting a request for review to: ogc.determinationreviews@bcogc.ca.

CNRL may appeal this order to the Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal under section 72 of the Act. The process for appeals may be found at www.ogat.gov.bc.ca and a notice of appeal may be sent to the Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal at:

Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal
PO Box 4925 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9V1



Patrick Smook
Director, Compliance & Enforcement
BC Oil and Gas Commission

DATED AT Fort St. John, in the Province of British Columbia, this 02 day of October, 2019.