

June 28, 2024

Enforcement File 2023-0090

Tourmaline Oil Corporation  
2900, 250 - 6th Avenue SW  
Calgary AB T2P 3H7

Attention: Kait Hogg, Field HSER Advisor,

**RE: Warning: Fail to comply with Oil and Gas Processing Facility Regulation 48/2021, Section 18**

Dear Kait Hogg,

Tourmaline Oil Corp. is the operator and permit holder for facility no. 7819, located at 03-18-080-17 W6M in the Sunrise gas field near Dawson Creek, British Columbia (BC).

Permit holders of oil and gas processing facilities in BC must operate a facility in accordance with the engineering design, as specified in the Oil and Gas Processing Facility Regulation (OGPFR).

OGPFR came into effect on March 04, 2021, and as enabled by the *Energy Resource Activities Act* (ERAA), specifies under section 18(1) that:

- A processing facility permit holder must operate the processing facility in accordance with
- (a) the engineering design

At approximately 1310 hours on June 02, 2023 hot embers released from the flare stack at facility no. 7819 and started a grass fire outside Tourmaline's permitted area for this facility. A passing operator from another company alerted Tourmaline staff to the fire, who then mobilized to extinguish the fire, and monitored the area for any possible flare ups over the following 24 to 36 hours. Tourmaline did not experience any flare ups, and therefore successfully extinguished the fire.

A Post Incident Report (PIR) was submitted to the BC Energy Regulator (Regulator) on August 04, 2023. Analysis of the fire by staff at the Regulator determined that Tourmaline did fail to comply with s.18(1)(a) of the OGPFR to operate a facility in accordance with the engineering design by not maintaining a satisfactory area free of combustible materials around the flare stack.

Subsequent visits to this facility by Compliance and Enforcement staff from the Regulator in September 2023 and again on April 5, 2024 found that the noncompliance was ongoing. However, correspondence received from Tourmaline in mid April 2024 learned the following:

“Tourmaline has now learned of the” acceptable “radius for an area to be kept free of combustible materials around the flare stack at this facility”, and a third-party contractor had undertaken the clearing activities to bring this facility into compliance.

A follow up visit on April 25, 2024 by Compliance and Enforcement staff from the Regulator found that Tourmaline had increased their blackened area around the flare stack at the 7819 facility to now be compliant with s.18(1)(a) of the OGPFR.

Given the circumstances, Tourmaline Oil Corp. is hereby issued a warning only for the following:

Tourmaline Oil Corp., between June 02, 2023 and April 25, 2024, at facility no. 7819, at or near Dawson Creek, in the Province of BC, did fail to operate a facility in accordance with the engineering design, contrary to section s.18(1)(a) of the Oil and Gas Processing Facility Regulation.

If Tourmaline Oil Corp. has any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Compliance and Enforcement Officer  
British Columbia Energy Regulator