

April 2, 2025

Enforcement File: 2025-0031

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

Attention: Kait Hogg, HSER Advisor-Environment & Regulatory

RE: Burning Waste Without Authority

Dear Kait Hogg,

On March 20, 2025, a BCER Compliance and Enforcement Officer was conducting compliance inspections in the Tommy Lakes field. The Officer entered a Tourmaline Oil Corp. (Tourmaline) site located at C-67-C/094-H-04 and observed rig mat pieces piled up and on fire.

An authorization to burn was requested from the Tourmaline representative on site. No authorization could be produced on location.

The Fort St. John Tourmaline office was contacted and Tourmaline advised they were all good as they had a burn registration number. Tourmaline was advised that a burn registration number was not the same as a permit or approval to discharge waste. Rig mats are used by the oil and gas industry to access areas with soft ground. With prolonged use they get broken and damaged and need to be replaced. Tourmaline was disposing of the broken, torn up mats by burning them.

Under Schedule 1 of the Waste Discharge Regulation (WDR) made pursuant to the Environmental Management Act (EMA), burning means the combustion of material without using a stack or chimney to vent the emitted products of combustion to the atmosphere. Burning or incineration of waste means burning, partial burning or incineration of waste material generated from an industry, trade or business. Burning is a prescribed activity or operation and burning waste material generated from an industry, trade or business requires an approval or a permit issued under the Environmental Management Act.

Tourmaline did not have the required permit or approval, nor did their activity meet any of the exemptions under the WDR or EMA. Tourmaline immediately extinguished the fire after being apprised of the legal requirements and other arrangements have been made to dispose of the broken rig mats.

Given the circumstances, Tourmaline is hereby issued a warning only:

Tourmaline Oil Corp., on or about March 20, 2025 at or near Wonowon, in the Province of BC, did introduce waste into the environment, waste produced by a prescribed activity or operation contrary to section 6(3) of the Environmental Management Act.

If Tourmaline has any questions about this matter, please reach out.

Sincerely,



R.A. Workman
Manager, Enforcement
British Columbia Energy Regulator

