



June 9, 2026

# Notice of Proceeding

## Closure and Reclamation – Imperial’s Norman Wells Facilities

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**Re: Next steps, updated workplan, information requests and workshops.**

This notice of proceeding describes next steps for the assessment including:

- An **updated workplan proposing dates** for next steps
- **Information Requests** to understand **roles, responsibilities, land tenure, jurisdiction, and governance arrangements**
- **Meeting on jurisdiction and oversight**
- **Future land use, vision setting and closure goals workshop**

### 1. Workplan

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) proposes a two part process for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the closure and reclamation of Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited’s (Imperial) the Norman Wells Facilities as described in the *EA Process and Next Steps* document ([PR47](#)). The Review Board recently held meetings in communities across the Sahtu to describe this proposed process.

This update to the workplan provides proposed timing for upcoming steps. The Review Board is asking parties for feedback on the proposed dates including:

- a **future land use**, vision setting, and closure goals workshop in early September 2026
- a **closure objectives** workshop in Fall 2026
- a **closure criteria** workshop in Winter 2026/2027

Proposed steps further in the future will be updated as new information becomes available and as Imperial gathers additional data. Setting dates will require considering when Imperial can get and share the information that we need for these steps.

The proposed workplan is posted on the Review Board’s Online Review System for review and comment.

- Link to the [draft workplan](#) on the ORS
- Comments due: July 6, 2026



## 2. Information requests on roles, responsibilities, land tenure, jurisdiction, and governance arrangements

The Review Board is issuing Information Requests (IRs) to understand the long-term governance structures (that is, governing bodies and systems) that will govern the Norman Wells facilities during closure and post closure.

These IRs are intended to start a conversation. The jurisdictional meeting described below (in section 3) will facilitate this conversation as parties work to provide a thorough response.

IRs are posted on the Review Board's Online Review System for review.

- Link to [Information Requests on the ORS](#)
- Response due: Aug 3, 2026. Please let the Review Board know if you require additional time to respond.

The Review Board expects parties to answer any IRs that are relevant to them. For IRs that are not relevant to your organization, please say so, and explain why.

## 3. Jurisdiction and oversight meeting June 24, 2026

The Review Board is proposing a jurisdictional meeting on June 24, 2026. The meeting is a venue for parties to start the conversation on who has jurisdiction, authority, and/or rights in the areas affected by Imperial's operations.

These IRs will provide parties with an understanding of the questions that the Review Board is looking to explore at the jurisdictional meeting. The Review Board is not expecting questions about jurisdiction to be fully answered or resolved at this meeting.

- Time of jurisdictional meeting: Virtual on **June 24, 9 am MDT**.

If any parties are in Yellowknife, they may attend the jurisdictional meeting in person at the Review Board's office.

**Before June 17, 2026**, the Review Board asks parties to please provide an estimate of how many people from their organization will attend, and if attendance is in person or virtual.

**An agenda** with links for those attending virtually will be posted on the public registry one week before the meeting.

## 4. Future land use, vision setting, and closure goals workshop

This workshop is intended for parties to tell the Review Board what their vision is for the site in the future. In the closure planning process, this vision is called a *closure goal(s)*. This is the first step in closure planning and it is very important. Imperial needs to understand how parties expect to use the land and water after Imperial finishes its closure work. This closure goal or goals will shape the work the developer needs to do to leave the site the right way for its future land use.



Understanding how the site should be left includes considering:

- how community members want to use the site in the future
- how the site was before Imperial was there
- how the Town of Norman Wells will influence future use in the area

As the closure planning process progresses, Imperial and parties will need to review and consider closure goal(s) to see if Imperial's proposed closure actions will meet the closure goal(s), and to determine if changes to the closure goal(s) are needed.

After parties tell the Review Board what the closure goal(s) should be, the Review Board will hold workshops that will look in more detail at the site and what needs to be done. This includes workshops on:

- closure principles
- closure objectives
- closure options

Dates for these workshops will be set when the right amount of information is available. The proposed workplan described above (in section 1) has estimated dates.

The Review Board expects to hold the **closure goal workshop in Norman Wells on September 1-2, 2026**. Translation will be available upon request, so please let the Review Board know if translation is required and in which language.

In July, the Review Board will provide more information on how parties can prepare for the closure goal workshop.

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