



October 16, 2024

Directive

EA2425-02- Norman Wells Operations, Imperial Oil Resources NWT Limited (Imperial)

RE: Request for Ruling

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is issuing this Directive¹ in response to the [Request for Ruling](#) submitted by Imperial Oil Resources NWT Limited (Imperial) on October 9th, 2024.

The Review Board respectfully requests the views, including any supporting facts and evidence, of those governments and organizations with referral authority under subsection 126(2) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (the MVRMA), including the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, the Gwich'in Tribal Council, the Tłı̨chǫ Government, the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories, for the Review Board's consideration in reaching a ruling on the following question:

Does the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated have the authority to refer Imperial's Water Licence renewal application (S24L1-005) and Operations Authorization (1210-001) to the Review Board for environmental assessment under paragraph 126(2)(b) of the MVRMA, considering subsection 157.1 of the MVRMA as well as the other arguments described in Imperial's Request for Ruling?

Proposed timeline for considering the Request for Ruling

The Review Board proposes the following timeline to consider the Request for Ruling:

Process step	Deadline
Submissions from 126(2) referral authorities	October 23, 2024
Imperial's response	October 30, 2024
Review Board ruling and reasons	To be specified upon review of submissions received from participating parties

¹ As per rule 54 in our *Rules of Procedure for Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review Proceedings*, available online here: https://reviewboard.ca/file/2584/download?token=sRwF_tKr.



All submissions and the Review Board's ruling and reasons made in relation to this Request for Ruling will be placed on the [public registry](#) for this environmental assessment. Please send any questions and your responses in writing to Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director (867-766-7055 or mcliffephillips@reviewboard.ca).

On behalf of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JoAnne Deneron'.

JoAnne Deneron,
Chair

Charles McNeely, Chairperson, Sahtu Secretariat Inc.

Board members, Sahtu Secretariat Inc.

Acting Grand Chief Michael Greenland, Gwich'in Tribal Council

Grand Chief Jackson Lafferty, Tłı̨chǫ Government

Paul Dixon, Executive Director, Sahtu Land and Water Board

Valerie Gordon, Chair, SLWB

Ramona Sladic, Secretary of the Commission, Canada Energy Regulator

Erin Kelly, Deputy Minister, GNWT Department of ECC

Lisa Dyer, Director General, CanNor- Northern Project Management Office

Kim Pawley, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Nathan Baines – Supervising Counsel, Imperial Oil Limited

