



February 3, 2025

Notice of Proceeding

Line 490 Replacement project, Imperial Oil Resources NWT Ltd.

RE: Summary Impact Statement (SIS) received, updated Workplan and next steps

1. Introduction

On February 3, 2025, the Review Board received the Summary Impact Statement (SIS) ([PR#73](#) and associated Appendices PR#56-72) from Imperial Oil Resources NWT Ltd. (the developer) for the environmental assessment ([EA2425-01](#)) of Line 490 Replacement Project (the project). This Notice of Proceeding:

- provides the updated Workplan (attached),
- describes the next steps,
- describes how to resubscribe to the [Online Review System](#) and the Review Board's [Public Registry](#).

Parties should now begin their review of the SIS and preparing any information requests they may have.

1.1 Summary Impact Statement Background

On December 12, 2024, the Review Board issued a letter to the developer providing instructions for the SIS ([PR#47](#)). The SIS requires the developer to combine existing information from the Sahtu Land and Water Board and Canada Energy Regulator processes and to provide focused information on the key lines of inquiry identified in the Review Board's *Scope of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision* ([PR#49](#)). The SIS deadline was January 15, 2025.

On January 9, 2025, the developer requested an extension ([PR#55](#)) until January 31, 2025, citing the need to focus on other regulatory processes related to S13L1-007, the renewal of the Norman Wells Operations water licence that was referred to EA.

2. Updated Workplan

The updated workplan (attached) provides the following upcoming deadlines for the Analysis Phase, which have been adjusted to reflect when the Review Board received the SIS from the developer:

Analysis	Developer provides Summary Impact Statement	Feb 3, 2025
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Phase	Information Request deadline	Feb 24, 2025
	Response to Information Requests deadline	Mar 10, 2025

For the Hearing Phase, the workplan contains tentative dates. The Board will canvas parties to find an appropriate date for the public hearing. Once a date for the public hearing is finalized an updated workplan will be issued.

3. Next Steps

Parties now have time to review the SIS and issue Information Requests (IRs).

The **IR deadline is February 24, 2025.**

Parties can submit their information requests using the Online Review System for this project at the following link, [Information Requests – First Round](#).

3.1 Information Requests Background

On December 13, 2024, the Review Board issued a Notice of Proceeding ([PR#50](#)) inviting parties to submit IRs. IRs allow parties to ask detailed questions to better understand the project, its potential impacts on the environment and people, and how to mitigate those impacts. Parties should note:

- Parties usually direct IRs to the developer but can also ask them of any other party.
- The Review Board can issue IRs to the developer or any other party.
- Any party can direct IRs to the developer or other parties, but not to the Review Board.
- The developer or any other party that receives an IR must answer it.

4. Resubscribing

The Review Board has launched its [new website](#), which has improved access to information and streamlined subscription services. **If you were subscribed** to notifications from the [Public Registry of Environmental Assessments](#), the [Preliminary Screening Registry](#), or [general news and updates](#), please note that **you will need to resubscribe**.

To subscribe (or resubscribe):

1. Create an account on our new website.
2. If you already have an account for the Online Review System, you can use the same login credentials to access the new site.
3. Select the notifications you wish to receive.

To get updates on specific environmental assessment public registries, you will need to subscribe directly to each project. Choose the specific project environmental assessment(s) you would like to receive email notifications on and simply click “Subscribe.”





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Updated Draft Workplan

Line 490 Replacement Project, Imperial Oil Resources NWT Ltd.

This is the workplan for the environmental assessment of Line 490 Replacement Project ([EA2425-01](#)) proposed by Imperial Oil Resources NWT Ltd. (the developer). The workplan describes proposed process steps in the environmental assessment and provides an estimated timeline.

In the table below:

- Process steps that are on Review Board or party time are shaded in green.
- Process steps on developer time are shaded in orange.
- Future process steps include approximate deadlines or end dates that depend on the timing of the developer’s responses.

EA Phase	Process Step	Date
Start-up	Referral to environmental assessment (EA)	Sept 24, 2024
	Notice of EA referral to developer	Sept 25, 2024
Scoping	Review Board releases draft scoping document	Oct 18, 2024
	Participant funding applications opens	Oct 23, 2024
	Public review of the draft scoping document deadline	Nov 6, 2024
	Developer review of the draft scoping document deadline	Nov 13, 2024
	Participant funding applications deadline	Nov 21, 2024
	Review Board issues final scoping document	Dec 11, 2024
Analysis	Request for Summary Impact statement from developer	Dec 11, 2024
	Information request opens	Dec 13, 2024
	Developer provides Summary Impact Statement	Feb 3, 2025



	Information Request deadline	Feb 24, 2025
	Developer's response to Information Requests deadline	March 10, 2025
Hearing	Applications for intervenor status deadline	March 2025
	Pre-hearing conference	March 2025
	Interventions from parties	March 2025
	Developer's responses to interventions	March, 2025
	Community hearings	April 2025
	Undertakings	May 2025
	Closing arguments from parties and developer	May 2025
	Closure of public record	May 2025
Decision	Review Board deliberations	June 2025
	Review Board issues Report of EA and Reasons for Decision	June 2025
	Minister's responses to Report of EA	June 2025