



May 8, 2025

EA2425-01

Benjamin Fraser
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Via email:

RE: Request for adjournment granted of the Line 490 Replacement EA.

Dear Mr. Fraser,

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) met on May 7, 2025 to consider Imperial Oil Resources NWT Limited's (Imperial) request to adjourn the Line 490 Replacement EA.¹ **The Review Board grants Imperial's adjournment request.** The Review Board's *Reasons for Decision* are attached to this letter.

The Review Board directs Imperial to provide an update on the timing for when it intends to ask the Review Board to restart the environmental assessment process by October 31st, 2025.

Please contact Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director at mcliffephillips@reviewboard.ca should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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

JoAnne Deneron
Chairperson

¹ See [Imperial's Request for Ruling from May 1, 2025](#).

cc.

Charles McNeely, Chairperson, Sahtu Secretariat Inc.

SSI Board of Directors

Grand Chief Wilbert Kochon, Sahtu Dene Council

Sahtu Dene Council Chiefs

K'ahsho Got'ine Committee

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Justin Stoyko, Executive Director Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

Catarina Owen, Sahtu Renewable Resources Board

Grand Chief Frederick Black Jr. Gwich'in Tribal Council

Lisa Dyer, Director General, CanNor Northern Project Management Office

Kim Pawley, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Ramona Sladic, Secretary of the Commission, Canada Energy Regulator

Nathen Richea, Assistant Deputy Minister- Regulatory Assessment and Authorizations, GNWT
Department of Environment and Climate Change



Review Board Decision with reasons regarding Imperial Oil NWT Limited's Request to Adjourn the EA

EA2425-01

May 8, 2025





Reasons for Decision

In the matter of: EA2425-01- Line 490 Replacement EA, Imperial Oil Resources NWT Limited (“Imperial”)

And in the matter of: A Request to Adjourn EA Proceeding EA2425-01 dated May 1, 2025.

Summary of the Review Board’s decision

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) has decided to accept Imperial’s request to adjourn the EA2425-01 Proceeding.

Background

On May 1, 2025, Imperial submitted a letter to the Review Board requesting that the environmental assessment (EA) proceeding be adjourned.¹ Two parties to the EA provided submissions in response to Imperial’s request. On May 7, 2025, the Review Board met to consider Imperial’s request, and the associated submissions from parties, and granted the request to adjourn the EA2425-01 Proceeding.

Reasons for decision

The Board’s reasons for decision are as follows:

1. Imperial requested the adjournment in accordance with the Review Board’s [Rules of Procedure](#).²
2. Parties who responded to Imperial’s request were in favour of an adjournment.³

Procedural considerations for re-starting the EA proceeding

Since the EA2425-01 proceeding is adjourned, the Public Record is now closed. Imperial Oil must provide a written update to the Review Board no later than October 31, 2025 describing its timeline for requesting a re-commencement of the EA proceeding. The Review

¹ https://new.reviewboard.ca/sites/default/files/project_document/request-for-ruling-ea2425-01-adjournment-2025-05-01.pdf

² See rules 118 and 52.

³ See letters from the [Government of the Northwest Territories](#) and [K’ahsho Got’ine Committee](#).



Board will recommence the EA proceeding upon request from Imperial. At that time, the Review Board will:

- release a workplan that provides an adequate and fair amount of time for intervenors and the developer to prepare for the public hearings (including to submit or re-submit interventions and public hearing presentations) and
- re-open the public record.⁴

In accordance with our Rules of Procedure, the Review Board will allow for a **minimum of 90 days between giving Notice of re-starting the proceeding and holding hearings.**⁵

⁴ See rules 43 and 44 from our Rules of Procedure.

⁵ See rule 91 from our Rules of Procedure.

