



March 4, 2026

Notice of Proceeding

Closure and Reclamation – Imperial’s Norman Wells Facilities

Re: Environmental assessment closure planning and terminology workshops

1. The Review Board proposes closure planning and terminology workshops

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is planning to host Environmental Assessment Closure Planning and Terminology Workshops (Workshops) related to the closure of Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T Ltd. (Imperial)’s Norman Wells Facilities.

The Review Board proposes to initially hold Workshops in Rádeyılı kóé (Fort Good Hope) and Tłegóhı́ (Norman Wells) and followed by workshops in Tulita and Délı̄ne. A Workshop in Yellowknife is also being considered.

These Workshops will be an important part of the environmental assessment (EA). Their purpose is to:

- provide clear information about the closure planning process and EA
- explain key terms, roles, and responsibilities and
- help build a shared understanding of the closure planning process before detailed technical work begins.

2. Closure planning and terminology workshops will help inform and guide the closure planning and EA process

The Review Board has outlined a 2-part process for the EA of closure and reclamation of the Norman Wells Facilities in the *EA Process and Next Steps* document ([PR47](#)). In Part One, Imperial will finalize its closure plan for the Norman Wells Facilities through a series of workshops with parties and other engagements. The Workshops described in this Notice of Proceeding is an early step of Part One.

The Review Board will design its EA process to reflect local perspectives and knowledge, while respecting EA and regulatory requirements. The Workshops will create space to discuss how community voices, local and Traditional Knowledge can help inform how land use, cultural values, and future conditions can guide closure planning and the EA process.

In the Workshops, parties can help the Review Board better understand the priorities and questions that should guide the EA closure planning process.



3. Next steps

The Review Board plans to hold these Workshops in April 2026. Review Board staff will reach out directly to leadership in the communities to discuss scheduling options that best support meaningful participation. The Review Board also respectfully invites community leadership, organizations, and local coordinators to share their preferred timing and any other considerations that would support community participation in advance of this outreach. This feedback will help us schedule the Workshops in ways that align with community schedules, seasonal activities, and other priorities.

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