



February 28, 2025

Notice of Proceeding

Norman Wells Operations, Imperial Oil Resources NWT Limited (Imperial)

Re: Information required to proceed with scoping activities

The Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated (SSI) referred the Norman Wells Operations water license renewal application (S24L1-005) and the application for variance of Operations Authorization (1210-001) to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review board) for environmental assessment on September 30, 2024.¹ After a request for ruling process initiated by Imperial, the Review Board decided to continue the environmental assessment as referred by the SSI.²

In a letter to Imperial summarizing its decision, the Review Board recognized the importance of addressing concerns about the eventual closure of the Norman Wells Operation. We also agreed with Imperial³ that a **comprehensive impact assessment of the closure and decommissioning of the Norman Wells Operations may be an appropriate mechanism to address the concerns of parties.**⁴

On February 19, 2025, the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) held a hearing on a proposed 3-year extension of Imperial's water licence for the Norman Wells Operation.

To proceed with the scoping phase of this environmental assessment, the Review Board needs to understand:

1. the Sahtu Land and Water Board's decision related to the extension of SL1-005 and
2. when Imperial plans to request that the Review Board order an environmental assessment of its closure activities.

The Sahtu Land and Water Board has indicated that it will issue its decision by March 14, 2025. The Review Board will issue an information request to Imperial to find out when it will

¹ See the SSI letters to the [Sahtu Land and Water Board](#) and [Canada Energy Regulator](#).

² See the [Review Board's decision](#) on the Request for Ruling.

³ See [Imperial's Letter of Response to Parties' Submissions](#) in the Request for Ruling process.

⁴ See the [Review Board's letter to Imperial](#) in the Request for Ruling process.



submit its proposal for closure. Based on this information, the Review Board will start planning scoping activities for this environmental assessment.

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