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Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips:

**Preliminary Screening Determination: Canadian Natural Resources Limited Application for an Operations Authorization (OA-2026-003-CNRL)**

On March 23, 2026, Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) applied to the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) for an Operations Authorization for post-abandonment remediation activities in the Dehcho region: OA-2026-003-CNRL.

Under section 124 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA), an Operations Authorization triggers the requirement for a preliminary screening.

CNRL's proposed activities under OA-2026-003-CNRL are also the subject of a Land Use Permit (MV2025X0003) from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB). On November 13, 2025, the MVLWB issued its preliminary screening determination for MV2025X00003. No notice of referral to environmental assessment was received.

As the MVLWB is a board established under Part 4 of the MVRMA and MV2025X0003 scopes in all activities proposed under OA-2026-003-CNRL, I have determined that I am not required to conduct a preliminary screening for OA-2026-003-CNRL, in accordance with section 124(4) of the MVRMA.

Please contact me at (867) 767-9097 or by email at [oroogo@gov.nt.ca](mailto:oroogo@gov.nt.ca) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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