



April 23, 2025

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Via email: sarah.j.mclaren@esso.ca

Dear Ms. McLaren,

RE: Norman Wells Facilities Final Closure and Reclamation – Imperial Oil Resources (NWT) Ltd

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) has decided to order an environmental assessment of Imperial Oil Resources (NWT) Ltd.'s proposed Norman Wells Operations Closure and Reclamation (the development). This development is described in Imperial's [March 31, 2025 letter](#) to the Review Board requesting that the Board order an EA on the proposal for closure.

The Review Board is using its authority under subsection 126 (3) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* to conduct an environmental assessment of this development on its own motion. The Review Board's reasons for this decision will follow shortly.

The Review Board has created a public registry for this file (EA2526-01) where all information related to this environmental assessment will be made available, at:

<https://new.reviewboard.ca/en/registry/ea2526-01>

The Review Board will soon issue a Notice of Proceeding outlining the next steps.

The Review Board will notify Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada about the need for environmental assessment participant funding through its *Northern Participant Funding Program*. Details on how parties will be able to apply for funding will be posted to the public registry as soon as they are available.

If you have questions, please contact Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director (867) 766-7055 or mcliffephillips@reviewboard.ca).



On behalf of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board,

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Joanne Deneron

Chair

Cc:

Charles McNeely, Chairperson, Sahtu Secretariat Inc.

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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

Ben Foster, Imperial Oil Ltd.