



Saturday, June 29, 2024:

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**ATTN: Natalie Lippa**

**Re: Letter of Support for Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited's Application(s) Goose to Bear Island flowline replacement project**

I am writing to express my support for Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited's (Imperial) application for a type B water licence and a type A land use permit. The purpose of this application is to install flowlines using Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) between Goose and Bear Islands, located in the Mackenzie River at Norman Wells, NT.

The NWO 490 pipeline replacement adds the environmental safety by the applicable advanced HDD technology and more importantly, by extending the NW Oilfield realizes the benefits of extension. The community of Norman Wells and surrounding communities are benefactors to Industry, given my analysis of environmental safety and benefits, I'm fully comfortable in sharing my supports for the replacement. The successful completion of this work will enable Imperial to resume full production at the Norman Wells Operation, which is crucial for the local and regional economy.

I believe that Imperial has demonstrated a commitment to responsible resource development and has a track record of operating safely in the region. The use of HDD technology for this project shows their dedication to minimizing environmental impact while ensuring operational efficiency.

The resumption of full production at Norman Wells will bring numerous benefits, including:

1. Economic stimulation through job creation and local business opportunities
2. Increased revenue for local and territorial governments
3. Continued support for community initiatives and programs

We are stewards of this land, with existing co-management systems, we can participate in resource development access approvals and ensure environmental standards, protection, and land management. This application and scope are an example on advanced drilling technology.

This drilling model will ensure higher safety standards compared to my oilwell drilling experiences in the early 80's in this same oilfield. I supported the Enbridge Line 21 HDD bore drilling under the Mackenzie River 6km upstream from Fort Simpson in 2017. The scope was HDD 2.5km at a depth below the Mackenzie River into bedrock formation. I have high regards this 490-pipeline replacement will be as successful as Line 21.

Imperial's experience in the region and technical expertise gives me confidence that this work will be carried out to the highest standards, and I fully support Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited's application for the water licence and land use permit required to complete this essential infrastructure project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. McNeely', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Danny McNeely  
Member of the Legislative Assembly for SAHTU

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