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February 17, 2022

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips:

**Preliminary Screening Determination:
Suncor Energy Inc. Application for an Operations Authorization (OA-2021-002-SUN)**

The Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a complete application for an Operations Authorization from Suncor Energy Inc. (Suncor) on June 1, 2021, for the abandonment of the Tathlina N-18 well (WID 0790).

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

Suncor also applied to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) for a Land Use Permit incorporating the well abandonment (MV2021X0015). On November 10, 2021, the MVLWB issued its preliminary screening determination for MV2021X0015. No notice of referral to environmental assessment was received.

Accordingly, I have adopted the preliminary screening conducted by the MVLWB for Land Use Permit MV2021X0015 for OA-2021-002-SUN.

Please contact me at (867)767-9097 or by email at oro.go@gov.nt.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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