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February 16, 2023

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips:

**Preliminary Screening Determination:  
Aurora College Application for an Operations Authorization (OA-2022-001-AC)**

On December 12, 2022, Aurora College applied to the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) for an Operations Authorization to abandon the Aurora Training Well G-04 (WID1915) in the Gwich'in Settlement Area.

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

On June 15, 2001, the Gwich'in Land and Water Board issued its Preliminary Screening Report for water licence G01L1-002, which scoped in abandonment of the Aurora Training Well G-04.

Accordingly, I have decided that the well abandonment is exempt from preliminary screening under section 2.1 of the *Exemption List Regulations* under the MVRMA.

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

Sincerely,



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