



December 13, 2024

JoAnne Deneron
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear JoAnne Deneron:

I am writing to inform you that Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) intends to provide participant funding through its Northern Participant Funding Program (NPFPP or the Program) to facilitate meaningful participation in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB)'s environmental assessment of Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited's proposed Norman Wells Operations Project (EA2425-02) in Norman Wells, Northwest Territories. The intent of this funding program is to help Indigenous peoples and other Northerners access the resources and expertise needed to participate effectively in environmental assessments of major resource or infrastructure development projects in Canada's North.

CIRNAC is inviting applications from those seeking participant funding to take part in the environmental assessment of the Norman Wells Operations Project. Applications will be accepted up until **11:59pm (MDT) on January 12, 2025** (see attached Public Notice). Contribution agreements signed with the CIRNAC for the above-mentioned project will allow for carry forward of unused funds into the 2025-26 fiscal year for any work on the environmental assessment extending past March 31, 2025.

We request that MVEIRB staff please upload this correspondence along with the Participant Funding Guide and Public Notice to the MVEIRB registry. Interested individuals or organizations can also contact program staff at aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca to request the Funding Guide. Program staff are happy to assist with questions relating to the application process, eligibility, timing, or expense details. Additional information can be found on the Northern Participant Funding Program webpage (<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1545150205116/1547478360408>).

An application review committee will consider all applications, determine successful applicants and recommend funding levels to CIRNAC. When this process is complete, CIRNAC staff will forward correspondence to MVEIRB announcing the successful applicants and funding levels.



If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Program or the availability of funding to support participation in assessment of the proposed Norman Wells Operations Project, please email aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Kim Pawley
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Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Encl.

c.c.:

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