



June 29, 2022

Ms. 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) would like to provide funding through its Northern Participant Funding Program in support of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's Scoping phase of the environmental assessment of Imperial Oil Resources Limited's proposed Norman Wells Waste Management Facility (EA2223-01). The intent of this funding program is to help Indigenous peoples and Northerners access the resources and expertise needed to participate effectively in impact assessments of major resource or infrastructure development projects in the North.

CIRNAC is inviting applications from individuals and groups seeking participant funding to take part in the Scoping phase of the environmental assessment of the Norman Wells Waste Management Facility for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Applications will be accepted until **11:59 p.m. (MDT) Friday, July 27, 2022** (see attached Public Notice).

A Participant Funding Guide and Application Form can be accessed by contacting program staff at aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca. Program staff are happy to assist with questions relating to the application process, eligibility, timing, or expense details. Additional information can be found at the Northern Participant Funding Program webpage (<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1545150205116/1547478360408>).

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

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Northern Participant Funding Program or the availability of funding to support participation in the environmental assessment of proposed Norman Wells Waste Management Facility, please contact Mariah Smith at mariah.smith@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or +1 (873) 355-9624, or email aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.



CIRNAC would also like to note that the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories will be consulting jointly on this Environmental Assessment and will initiate formal consultation with Indigenous governments and organizations after the Scoping phase, once the scope of the project is better defined. The two governments will also be relying on the Board's process to help discharge their duty to consult.

Sincerely,

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