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Public Notice

Participant Funding Available

for the Scoping phase of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's Environmental Assessment of Imperial Oil Resources Limited's proposed Norman Wells Waste Management Facility (EA2223-01).

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is inviting applications from individuals and groups seeking funding to assist their participation in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (the Board) Scoping phase of the Environmental Assessment of Imperial Oil Resources Limited's proposal to build a waste management facility to support ongoing reclamation in the period leading up to the closure of its Norman Wells Operation. In examining the environmental and socio-economic effects of this project, the Board will, among other things, consider the interests of Indigenous people and their special relationship to the wilderness environment and the cultures, traditions, health and lifestyles of Indigenous people and other residents of the Northwest Territories.

Funding for the Scoping phase is available for the **2022-2023 fiscal year** (April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023). The Participant Funding Guide and Application form can be accessed on Board's registry (<https://reviewboard.ca/registry/>) or by contacting CIRNAC staff at the email below. Please send your application to aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca by 11:59 p.m. (MDT) Friday, July 27, 2022. Please note, funding is limited and applicants may not be funded to the extent of their request.

If you have any questions about the application forms, eligibility, timing or expense details, please contact CIRNAC staff at aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

An Application Review Committee independent of the Board will consider all applications and recommend allocation of funds to applicants according to eligibility criteria specified in the Participant Funding Guide. CIRNAC will provide all successful applicants with a funding agreement, under which expenditures may be subject to audit.

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.



The Proposed Project

On May 25, 2022, the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated sent correspondence to the Board referring the Normal Wells Operation Waste Management Facility to Environmental Assessment in accordance with subsection 126(2) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The proposed project would involve building a waste management facility to support ongoing reclamation in the period leading up to the closure of the Norman Wells Operation 154 km southeast of Fort Good Hope, 88 km northwest of Tulita, and 219 km west of Délı̄nę, in the Northwest Territories.

The Board sent a notice of Environmental Assessment to Imperial Oil Limited on May 31, 2022. Further information regarding this Environmental Assessment can be found on the Board's public registry at [Waste Facility - Norman Wells - EA2223-01 | Review Board](#).