



October 24, 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 (NPFP 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 Line 490 Replacement Project (EA2425-01) 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 Line 490 Replacement Project. Applications will be accepted up until **11:59pm (MDT) on November 21, 2024** (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, should work for the environmental assessment be extended 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](mailto: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.

Furthermore, following a decision from MVEIRB on the pending Request for Ruling for the Norman Wells Operations environment assessment (EA2425-02), the NPFP will



also provide participant funding for that project proposal should it be determined to proceed. The Program will make every effort to coordinate and minimize administrative burden where possible.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Program or the availability of funding to support participation in assessment of the proposed Line 490 Replacement Project, please email [aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

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