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Notice of Environmental Assessment – EA2223-01

Waste Management Facility – Imperial Oil Resources (NWT) Ltd.

In its letter of May 25, 2022, Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated has referred your Waste Management Facility application (to amend the Norman Wells Operation Water Licence S13L1-007) to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) for an environmental assessment. It did so using its authority under s. 126(2) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (the Act). The reasons for referral are described in the letter.¹

The Review Board must conduct an environmental assessment of a proposal for a development if it is referred to it by the Sahtu First Nation.² Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated's authority to refer a development proposal to environmental assessment applies even if a preliminary screening has commenced but has not been completed.³

The Review Board has created a public registry for this file where all information related to this environmental assessment will be made available at: <https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2223-01>

The Review Board will soon issue a Notice of Proceeding outlining the next steps in this environmental assessment process.

¹ [May 25, 2022, letter from the Sahtu Secretariat](#)

² See section 126 (1) and 126 (2) of the Act

³ See [MVRMA Section 126](#)

The Review Board will notify Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada regarding the availability participant funding for this environmental assessment through its *Northern Participant Funding Program*. Details on how to apply for participant funding will be posted to the public registry as soon as they are available.

If you have questions, please contact Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director (867-766-7055 or mcliffephillips@reviewboard.ca).

On behalf of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board,



Joanne Deneron
Chair

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