

November 22, 2024

# Notice of Proceeding

EA2425-02- Norman Wells Operations, Imperial Oil Resources NWT Limited (Imperial)

## RE: Updated decision timeline and notice of transfer of materials

### 1. Updated Decision Timeline

The Review Board is required to make a decision on Imperial Oil's Request for Ruling ([PR#6](#)). In making its decision, the Review Board must consider argument supported by evidence from Imperial as well as the parties that responded to the Request for Ruling. In their submissions, Imperial and parties raised several substantive arguments that draw upon multiple provisions of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the land claims upon which the Act is based and case law.

Considering these complex, consequential issues, the Review Board needs more time to make a fully informed, fair and reasoned decision on this Request for Ruling. The Review Board is therefore updating the timeline for its decision on the Request for Ruling as follows:

Process step	Deadline
Submissions from 126(2) referral authorities	October 24, 2024.
Imperial's response	October 31, 2024.
Review Board ruling and reasons	<b>December 3, 2024.</b>

### 2. Transfer for materials to the public registry

To inform its decision on this Request for Ruling as well as potential future EA process steps and decisions, the Review Board is transferring some relevant materials from the public registries of the Sahtu Land and Water Board and Canada Energy Regulator.<sup>1</sup> This includes:

- [Renewal application for water licence S13L1-007](#) and
- [Application for variance of OA1210-001 including appendices](#)

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<sup>1</sup> As per subsection 115(2) of the MVRMA, the Review Board can consider and may rely on any assessment activities previously carried out under Part 5 in respect of this development.

At any time in an environmental assessment, the Review Board can request or require additional information from parties relevant to the assessment or the Board's decisions.

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