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Public Notice

Participant Funding Available

for the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB)'s environmental assessment of Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T Limited's proposed Norman Wells Operations Project (EA2425-02).

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is inviting applications from individuals and groups seeking funding to support their participation in MVEIRB's environmental assessment of Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited's proposed Norman Wells Operations Project (EA2425-02) in Norman Wells, Northwest Territories. In examining the environmental and socio-economic effects of this project, MVEIRB will, among other things, consider the interests of Indigenous people and their special relationship to the environment and their cultures, traditions, health and lifestyles.

Funding is available to support **Indigenous and public participation in the environmental assessment**. The Participant Funding Guide and Application form can be accessed on MVEIRB's registry (<https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2425-02>) under the recent documents section, or by contacting CIRNAC staff at the email below. Please send your application to aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca by **11:59p.m. (MDT) January 12, 2025**. The Program recognizes this is a shorter than usual time frame for submitting proposals, considering the holiday period, however we are striving to be responsive in providing capacity support given the environmental assessment is underway and given internal deadlines associated with providing 2024-25 contributions funding. Contribution agreements signed with CIRNAC for the above-mentioned project will allow for carry forward of unused funds into the 2025-26 fiscal year for any work on the environmental assessment extending past March 31, 2025.

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 will consider all applications and provide a recommendation to CIRNAC based on their assessment of eligibility and program criteria. CIRNAC staff will provide all successful applicants with a funding agreement with CIRNAC, under which expenditures may be subject to audit.



The Proposed Project

Imperial Oil's applications to the Canada Energy Regulator and the Sahtu Land and Water Board for the Norman Wells Operations was referred to environmental assessment by the Sahtu Secretariat Inc. This referral includes the entire Norman Wells Operations (NWO), in Norman Wells, NT, for the next five to ten years (2024-2034), which is the expected remaining operating life of the field, and allow for sufficient time for engagement and permitting a transition to closure of the facility. Further information regarding this environmental assessment can be found on the MVEIRB's public registry at <https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2425-02>.

