

**GENERAL ORDER 2019-012**  
Section 49 *Oil and Gas Activities Act*

**Issued to:**

Canadian Natural Resources Limited  
2100, 855-2nd Street S.W.  
Calgary Alberta T2P 4J8

**Attention:** Mr. Bill Clapperton, V.P. Regulatory, Stakeholder and Environmental Affairs

**Order:**

Pursuant to section 49(1)(e) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* (the Act), I, Patrick Smook, order that Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) must:

1. On or before October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, implement adequate measures to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area of the operating area located at 13-07-088-23, WA 1580 (operating area).

**Conditions:**

- A. This order shall remain in effect until amended or terminated in whole or in part by the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission).

**Reasons:**

I make this order for the following reasons:

- i. CNRL is the permit holder of the operating area.
- ii. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 CNRL provided the Commission with a report by Matrix Solutions that showed material within the operating area that is a hazard to big game health. Upon review of this report, the Commission required CNRL to establish a means to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area identified in the report by October 31, 2016.
- iii. On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 CNRL confirmed the impacted area was fenced off.
- iv. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 an inspection was conducted by commission staff and noted fencing was removed and big game activity noted in the impacted area.

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- v. On July 16<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Commission issued a high deficiency to CNRL under s. 15 (3)(a) of the Drilling and Production Regulation for failing to minimize hazards to big game health.
- vi. August 19<sup>th</sup> 2019, CNRL notified the Commission that CNRL supervised the backfill of the impacted area, removing the wildlife attractant as well as minimizing further risk to the area in question.
- vii. An inspection conducted by Commission staff on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 determined that the measures implemented by CNRL were not adequate to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area.
- viii. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 the Commission issued a high deficiency to CNRL under s. 15 (3)(a) of the Drilling and Production Regulation for failing to minimize hazards to big game health.
- ix. An inspection conducted by Commission staff on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 showed that the measures implemented by CNRL were not adequate to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area.
- x. I am of the opinion that urgent action is needed to prevent big game from accessing the impacted area.
- xi. I am of the opinion this order is necessary to protect the environment.

### **Review and Appeal**

CNRL may request a review of this order under section 70 of the Act by submitting a request for review to: [ogc.determinationreviews@bcogc.ca](mailto:ogc.determinationreviews@bcogc.ca).

CNRL may appeal this order to the Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal under section 72 of the Act. The process for appeals may be found at [www.ogat.gov.bc.ca](http://www.ogat.gov.bc.ca) and a notice of appeal may be sent to the Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal at:

Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal  
PO Box 4925 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9V1



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Patrick Smook  
Director, Compliance & Enforcement  
BC Oil and Gas Commission

DATED AT Fort St. John, in the Province of British Columbia, this 02 day of October, 2019.