



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

By E-mail

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Sheri Young
Secretary
National Energy Board
444 Seventh Avenue SW Calgary AB T2P 0X8

Dear Ms. Young:

Re: Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program

The Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) notes that Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (the Developer) has requested an advance ruling from the National Energy Board (NEB) concerning a proposed equivalent approach to a same season relief well (SSRW). In a letter dated June 23, 2014 to the EIRB (copied to you), the Developer states that the outcome of the NEB's SSRW review will influence the scope of the Developer's proposed development, the level of detail, and the options and alternatives for drilling in the Beaufort Sea. The Developer confirms that an update of the Scope of the Development will be provided to the EIRB after the NEB's ruling on the Developer's proposed equivalency to a SSRW.

The EIRB cannot finalize the Terms of Reference for its review of the Development until the Scope of the Development has been updated. Should the NEB decide to consider an application for an early SSRW review, the EIRB would appreciate being apprised of the scope of that process so that the EIRB may consider the potential implications for our proceedings.

The EIRB intends to continue to work with the NEB to ensure that our respective environmental and regulatory processes avoid duplication and result in a timely and effective review process.

We look forward to hearing from the NEB at your earliest convenience.

Please feel free to contact me at (867) 777-2828, or eirb@jointsec.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

Richard Binder
Environmental Impact Review Coordinator

cc. Sherry Becker, Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited