

December 3, 2013

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Dear Daniel:

RE: Athabasca Oilsands Corp.– Leduc Thermal Assisted Gravity Drainage (TAGD) Pilot Project

In support of the Leduc TAGD Project, and the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) Application No. 001-298764; Water Act no. 001-00299876 and AER Application no. 1701718, the Aboriginal Consultation Office (ACO) has reviewed the consultation record.

The Fort McKay First Nation did note a number of concerns with respect to the proposed project, specifically in the Fort McKay Sustainability Department's January 27, 2013 Statement of Concern. It is the ACO's view that the project specific concerns raised were addressed adequately by Athabasca Oilsands Corp. All other concerns raised we consider out of scope because they are not specific to this project and which are better addressed outside of this project-specific consultation. Please see the following:

- *Management Frameworks of the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP)*
- *Joint Oilsands Monitoring Initiative (JOSM)*

With regard to imposing conditions on a project, Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) is not prepared to impose any conditions on the proponent outside those that fall under ESRD's area of responsibility.

Based on the above, the ACO has determined that First Nations Consultation is adequate for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the information provided above.

Best Regards,



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