

BY EMAIL ONLY

September 12, 2019

Nicole Gardner

Willow Lake Community Association (WLCA)

SUNCOR ENERGY INC. (SUNCOR)

APPLICATION NO. 1899100

STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31002

Dear Nicole Gardner:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 1899100 (the Application). The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the Application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the Application, and the AER has decided to disregard your statement of concern.

In our review of your concerns, we considered the following:

- The Meadow Creek West (MCW) project area is located approximately 35 kms away from the Willow Lake community.
- With respect to your request to be involved throughout the progress, implementation and completion of the MCW project:
 - Standard conditions in AER-issued Integrated Decision Approach (IDA) in-situ oil sands approvals require approval holders to develop and implement an ongoing engagement plan with input from Indigenous communities and other stakeholders. An ongoing engagement plan ensures that impacted stakeholders are provided with regular project

updates and an opportunity to share concerns related to the applicable development throughout the project's life-cycle.

- Suncor has committed to engaging with the Willow Lake Community Association (WLCA) as part of Suncor's ongoing engagement plan. Suncor has also indicated that it will work with WLCA representatives to further define the scope of the ongoing engagement plan and provide MCW project updates for WLCA board meetings.
- Your request that Suncor notify the WLCA regarding future projects is outside the scope of the Application.
- Your concern regarding MCW project-related impacts to the Willow Lake community is vague and you have not provided the AER with sufficient information regarding the specific impacts you are concerned about.

Whether a decision of the AER may directly and adversely affect a statement of concern filer, such as WLCA, is to be considered by the AER in light of the evidence properly adduced before it.¹ Based on the foregoing, the WLCA has not demonstrated that it may be directly and adversely affected by the Application, and its concerns are vague or are outside the scope of the Application. The AER has therefore decided to disregard your statement of concern. The AER has not yet made a decision on the Application. If a hearing on the application is to be held for another reason, a notice of hearing will be published.

All AER- regulated parties must comply not only with the conditions of their authorizations, but with all of the AER's regulatory requirements. To ensure industry compliance the AER has developed its *Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework*, which embodies the three main components of all effective compliance assurance programs, those being education, prevention, and enforcement. You can find out more about how the AER verifies industry compliance and responds to noncompliance on our [Compliance Assurance Program](#) web page.

¹ *O'Chiese First Nation v Alberta Energy Regulator*, 2015 ABCA 348 at para 43.

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Sincerely,

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