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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS TENURE REVIEW PROCESS

The Ministry of Energy and Mines refers all petroleum and natural gas posting requests to other government ministries, local governments, First Nations and environmental organizations. This review process provides for early identification of access constraints and potential land use conflicts.

The restrictions and issues identified by reviewers may be included as caveats in the "Notice of Public Tender" or, in some cases, may lead to deferral of posting requests to allow for resolution of land use issues.

Industry should be aware that the review process may not identify all activity constraints. Caution should be exercised in making operational commitments prior to acquiring tenure or to receiving specific approval for those operations. Companies are also advised to investigate suitable well locations after consultation with the surrounding community, and to ensure that they are in compliance with existing regulations, including proximity to residences, schools and other public facilities.

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