

2016 ABAER 008

**Canadian Natural Resources Limited
Regulatory Appeal of Administrative Penalty Notices
Proceeding ID 342**

Decision

[1] The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) will not hold a hearing for regulatory appeal 1852673 because the parties have resolved the issues.

Proceeding

[2] On January 8, 2016, Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) filed requests for regulatory appeal of two administrative penalties issued by the AER on December 10, 2015. One was issued for constructing a lay down sedimentation pond without obtaining approval from Alberta Environment and Parks, which is contrary to section 227(e) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*. The other was issued for commencing an activity without an approval, specifically, altering the flow of water for the purpose of drainage by constructing a lay down sedimentation pond and associated drainage ditches, which is contrary to section 142(1)(h) of the *Water Act*.

[3] The regulatory appeal requests were granted by the AER and a notice of hearing was issued on April 6, 2016. CNRL and the AER's Environment and Operational Performance Group were parties to this regulatory appeal.

Discussion

[4] The parties entered negotiations and on July 5, 2016, the AER received a signed statement from the parties withdrawing CNRL's regulatory appeal of the administrative penalty under the *Water Act* and revoking the administrative penalty levied by the AER under *EPEA*.

[5] Accordingly, a public hearing will not be held.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on July 12, 2016.

Alberta Energy Regulator

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Presiding Hearing Commissioner