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Chief Virginia Glaude and Council and Ken Rich:

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) acknowledges receipt of your request for a regional assessment (RA) of the Montney Formation (the Montney) region and adjoining hydro-carbon basins in northwestern Alberta, submitted to the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, on February 25, 2025.

IAAC's Regional and Strategic Assessment Division (RASA) has conducted an initial review of your request and would like to discuss it further with you to receive some additional information and clarification. Specifically, the IAAC requests a map of the full proposed study area. This map could include the areas in all four maps presented in your request (e.g., Fig. 1 Duncan's First Nations' Traditional Territory, Fig. 3 Montney Formation, Fig. 4 North Nordegg Member, Fig. 5 Wilrich Formation, and Fig. 6 Muskwa Formation) to clarify the boundaries of the proposed RA study area. We would also like to discuss your understanding of whether future federally regulated projects that may trigger a federal impact assessment in or near the proposed RA study area are planned within the next five to ten years.

This map and additional information would allow us to conduct a thorough analysis of your request, and gain a better understanding of the specific region, which is the subject of your request, along with any potential outcomes for enhancing the efficacy and effectiveness of federal impact assessments within the next five to ten years.

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We will follow up with you to arrange a time for a discussion. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me at stewart.lindale@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or 613-617-8944 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your interest in the regional assessment process.

Sincerely,

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