

Imperial Oil given extension for judicial review

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Imperial Oil Ltd. has been granted leave to Jan. 31 to file a notice for judicial review of provincial Environment Department findings that it violated a section of the Environment Act governing the unauthorized release of potentially harmful substances.

Nova Scotia Supreme Court Justice Glen McDougall granted the extension on Thursday, which was not opposed by the province.

According to court documents, Imperial disagrees with 2013 department inspection reports related to a large number of Nova Scotia sites that have been under active remediation management for a protracted period of time.

Imperial lawyer Robert Belliveau said in a letter to the court that discussions between his client and the government are ongoing in an effort to resolve the issue.

He said Imperial plans to apply on Jan. 14 for an order to stay the notice for judicial review.

Belliveau couldn't be reached for further comment Thursday.