

Minister of Indian Affairs
and Northern Development



Ministre des Affaires
indiennes et du Nord canadien

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H4

RECEIVED

OCT 24 2003 10:20 am

MACKENZIE VALLEY
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REVIEW BOARD

OCT 20 2003

Mr. Todd Burlingame
Chair
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
PO Box 938
YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Burlingame:

Thank you for providing me with the Report of Environmental Assessment on the WesternGeco Mackenzie and Liard Rivers 2D Seismic Program dated June 30, 2003. I regret the delay in responding.

Pursuant to sections 130 and 131 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act*, the report is being reviewed by the responsible Ministers and the National Energy Board as the designated regulatory agency. Once the review has been finalized, a substantive response will follow.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Nault, PC, MP

c.c.: Mr. Ken Vollman
Mr. Robert Hornal