



June 14, 2004

TO: Imperial Geotech Distribution List

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Review Board Decision on the Status of Parties in EA 03-009 Imperial Oil Ventures Geotechnical Survey

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) met on June 9th and 10th and considered applications made by interested parties for status in the Imperial Oil Ventures Ltd. Geotechnical Survey Environmental Assessment (EA). A number of parties had written to the Review Board seeking status in the EA pursuant to the Rules of Procedure for Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review Proceedings.

The parties approved for participation in the EA and the status granted are set out in the attached schedule. Some parties were not granted the status that they requested. The Review Board's reasons for these decisions are set out below:

1. The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Resources Wildlife and Economic Development (RWED) and the federal Department of the Environment (Environment Canada) were not granted directly affected party status. The Minister of RWED and Minister of Environment are responsible Ministers as that term is defined in section 111 of the MVRMA. Further, RWED and Environment Canada are expert departments with responsibilities to assist the Review Board under section 22 of the MVRMA. Directly affected party status is not necessary for government departments which can participate fully in the EA because of responsible Minister status.
2. The DCFN's Pipeline Working Group was not granted directly affected party status on its own. The DCFN has been recognized as a directly affected party. The Pipeline Working Group is not a legal entity but rather a committee set up by DCFN. It does not require separate status to participate in the proceeding but rather can participate fully under the umbrella of the DCFN.
3. Colt KBR was not recognized as a member of the public as requested. Colt KBR is a prime contractor for the developer Imperial Oil Ventures Ltd. and can participate in concert with its principal.

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We trust that the Boards reasons for these decisions are clear.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vern Christensen', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Vern Christensen
Executive Director

Attachment:



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EA 03-009 Imperial Oil Ventures Geotechnical Survey

Standing of Parties - June 14, 2004
Directly Affected Parties
Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)
Pehdzeh First Nation (Wrigley)
Sambaa K'e Dene Band (Trout Lake)
Liidlil Kue First Nation (Ft. Simpson)
Deh Cho First Nations
Ft. Simpson Metis Local
Jean Marie River First Nation
Village of Ft. Simpson
Responsible Ministers
INAC
RWED
DFO
Environment Canada