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Dear Sir,

We ask that our submissions, both verbal and written, from the Ur Energy file be transferred to these new EAs. While we understand that not all elements of our submissions may be applicable to these new EAs, our key concerns and messages have not changed.

These key concerns included the potential effects of proposed Thelon mineral exploration and development on:

- 1) traditional land use,
- 2) important wildlife habitat,
- 3) special ecological and cultural places,
- 4) the lack of benefits for the Athabasca Denesuline,
- 5) overall concern about development happening in the basin before special places are adequately protected through land use planning and conservation initiatives and
- 6) concerns about consultation and development review processes.

We would reserve the right to submit additional project specific materials or clarifications.

Our resources to deal with these BAs are extremely limited and we favour linking the four EAs whenever possible. This includes the scoping, evidence gathering and hearing phases of the assessment. Further we anticipate that the scoping and evidence gathering phases will be limited as most concerns and issues have already been raised. The need for, and the nature of, any public hearing(s) could be addressed after a review of the scoping and evidence gathering phases in case that new issues or concerns are identified.

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As demonstrated by point 5 above, the Athabasca Denesuline believe that a plan for resource development and conservation, as acknowledged by the Minister of INAC in his acceptance of the MVEIRB Ur Energy decision, is a prerequisite for further mineral development in the Thelon Basin.

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