

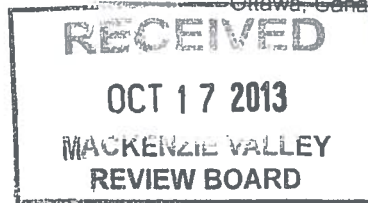
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Dear Ms. Bisaro, Mr. Bromley, and Mr. Hawkins:

Thank you for your letter dated August 7, 2013, regarding the Giant Mine Remediation Project Environmental Assessment (EA0809-001). Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and the other responsible ministers (Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories) are pleased to acknowledge the interest that residents of Yellowknife and Dettah have expressed in the final decision of this environmental assessment.

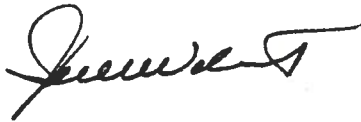
The responsible ministers are in the process of reviewing the June 20, 2013, Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the Giant Mine Remediation Project. This review includes a thorough and careful consideration of the recommendations and measures proposed by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board), as well as any correspondence from the Environmental Assessment parties.

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Following this review, the responsible ministers will inform the Review Board of their decision as required under section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The Review Board will then post this decision for public dissemination on their website. I encourage you to keep abreast of developments on this site as this environmental assessment progresses.

Sincerely,



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