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Re: EA0809-001 Workplan and Process

The North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) wishes to inform the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Review Board (MVEIRB) of its agreement with and support for the requests of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Yellowknives Dene, and Alternatives North to amend the process for submission of information requests, and to amend the workplan to accommodate the change.

We would prefer to delay the due date for submission of information requests until at least a month, if not two, after receipt of participant funding. We are completely unable to deal with this environmental assessment under our current capacity level. Once funding is confirmed, we have to engage a review team before the review of the DAR can even begin.

We also strongly prefer the MVEIRB retain its role with regards to receiving, accepting or rejecting, clarifying, and reviewing responses to information requests.

Sincerely,

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