

EA1314-01 - Jay Project

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Lorraine Seale
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Matt Spence, Executive Director
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Re: EA1314-01 Jay Project - participation of government staff at community hearings

Dear Ms. Seale and Mr. Spence,

The Review Board is hosting community hearings for the Jay Project in Behchokò, Lutsel K'e, and Kugluktuk on September 17, 19, and 21 respectively. The purpose of the community hearings is for the Review Board to hear directly from people in communities potentially affected by the Jay Project. At previous community hearings hosted by the Review Board, members of the public have frequently raised questions that are best answered by government officials responsible for specific mandates.

During the pre-hearing conference on August 5, 2015, Board staff suggested that representatives from the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), and possibly Canada, should be present at the three community hearings in order to help answer questions from community members. Parties to the pre-hearing conference were asked which topics would benefit from the presence of government representatives at the community hearings. Topics of specific interest include caribou, socio-economic values, and aquatics.

GNWT participants at the pre-hearing conference were receptive to having GNWT representatives with the ability to answer questions on these topics present at the community hearings. It may also be beneficial for representatives from federal government departments with responsibilities related to these topics present at the community hearings.

Please provide the Review Board with a list of representatives that GNWT and Canada will send to the community hearings in Behchokò, Lutsel K'e, and Kugluktuk to help answer questions on the topics relevant to government mandates.



Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

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