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Mr. White:

RE: WesternGeco (White), Mackenzie Delta River 2D Seismic Program 2002

During a meeting held 13-15 May 2002, the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) screened the above-noted project description. The EISC decided that the development proposal has deficiencies of a nature that warrant a termination of its consideration and the submission of another project description [IFA Section 11.(13)(c)]. A copy of the decision has been attached.

Comments on your proposed program were submitted to the EISC by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), the Inuvialuit Game Council, Environment Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Fisheries Joint Management Committee. They are being forwarded to you for your consideration. In particular, the EISC would like to highlight the comments that it received from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Fisheries Joint Management Committee. The EISC shares the concern expressed in their letters for the lack of supporting information and lack of a monitoring plan. They advise WesternGeco to address these issues should they decide to resubmit a project description for a river seismic program.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Linda Graf
Secretary

cc: Dennis Arey, Aklavik HTC
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Encl. (7) EISC Decision
Email from the PWNHC, dated 26 April 2002
Letter from Environment Canada, dated 3 May 2002
Letter from WMAC(NWT), dated 9 May 2002
Letter from IGC, dated 10 May 2002
Letter from DFO, dated 13 May 2002
Letter from FJMC, dated 13 May 2002