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Subject/Sujet:	WesternGeco Mackenzie River 2D Seismic Program, 2002
Please see following letter. Sincerely, Laura Van Ham, M.E.Des. Environmental Specialist	

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Dear Mr. White:

**WesternGeco Canada Limited (WesternGeco)
Mackenzie River 2D Seismic Program, 2002
Mackenzie River Valley, Northwest Territories**

On 25 June 2002, the National Energy Board (NEB) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) referred the above noted program to Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) for environmental assessment under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. Accordingly, at that time the NEB suspended its technical review pursuant to the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* of the above noted application until such time that the following processes are completed:

- the environmental assessment of the program by the MVEIRB; and
- verification that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has approved, or waived the requirement of approval, of a benefits plan in respect of the proposed work or activity.

Once the preceding information is received we should be able to complete our review of the Geophysical Operations Authorization application and make the regulatory decision. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Van Ham, Environmental Specialist at (403) 299-2769. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Chief Conservation Officer

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