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Mr. Vern Christensen  
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Dear Mr. Christensen:

Further to previous correspondence and discussions the NEB recognizes that the raw data collected at Cameron Hills could have commercial value to Paramount Resources Ltd. The NEB also notes that, while the raw data would certainly be of value to ambient air quality and meteorological monitoring initiatives in the Northwest Territories, the primary intent of recommended measures 3 and 4 is to ensure that activities in the Cameron Hills field do not exceed relevant air quality standards. It is the responsibility of the appropriate government agencies to ensure that Paramount appropriately collects, analyzes and reports on the ambient air data to meet this intent, and as such the NEB will require that Paramount supply raw data and reports to air quality staff within the federal and territorial government for the purpose of data quality assurance. The public will have access to the analyzed data in reports prepared from the raw data, but the NEB does not find justification for making the raw data available to the public. Public access to the raw data will be left to Paramount's discretion.

Allowing this raw data to remain confidential is consistent with section 101 of the *Canada Petroleum Resources Act*. Please contact Laura Van Ham at (403) 292-4931 should you wish to discuss this further.

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