

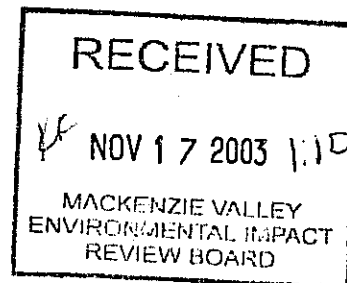


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Attention: Vern Christensen, Executive Director, MVEIRB

Dear Vern,

Re: Proceedings of the Regional Workshops for the Mackenzie Gas Project in support of an Environmental Impact Statement

For your information, we are providing you with copies of the proceedings which the Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP) has recorded for regional workshops held during 2003 in the Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Sahtu and Deh Cho regions. These reports provide a regional perspective of the socio-economic and environmental issues associated with the construction and operation of the MGP. These documents will be used in the preparation of the MGP Environmental Impact Statement which is required to meet the regulatory requirements outlined in the Cooperation Plan.


Prior to each of the regional workshops, a series of community engagement sessions were held within each region. Communities represented were: Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik, Holman, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Inuvik, Fort MacPherson, Tsiigehtchic, Colville Lake, Fort Good Hope, Norman Wells, Deline, Tullita, Wrigley, Fort Simpson, Jean Marie River, Fort Providence, Kakisa, Hay River, Nahhanni Butte, Enterprise, Fort Liard and Trout Lake. The main objective of the community engagement sessions was to identify potential key issues of concern to the respective communities related to the technical, environmental, social and economic implications of the MGP.

Information from the community engagement sessions along with any issues that arose subsequent to the community meetings were reviewed from a regional perspective at the regional workshops held in Inuvik (April 8-9), Norman Wells (June 4-5) and Fort Simpson (October 1-2). The attached reports document potential issues related to public concern and environmental impact as well as the discussions from the workshops. This information will be used by the MGP to help define impacts associated with the MGP and to develop appropriate mitigation plans. Communities will be re-visited as part of the process of developing mitigation plans and, in addition, further regional workshops are planned prior to completing the MGP Environmental Impact Statement.

These proceedings represent a status report on a well-defined process being followed by the MGP for involving communities in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement. They are comprehensive and demonstrate the important issues of public concern expressed by the communities as well as potential environmental impacts. As you know, staff from the MVEIRB were invited to participate in all of the regional workshops and these documents are provided to assist the staff in identifying public concern and potential environmental issues associated with the MGP.

We would be pleased to discuss these reports. Please contact Alan Kennedy (403-237-3485) if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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