



Our File: EA-03-008

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Mr. Andrew Gamble  
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Dear Mr. Gamble;

**Conformity of Deh Cho Bridge Developer's Assessment Report (DAR)**

The Review Board has examined the above referenced report and has found that Deh Cho Bridge Corporation's DAR does not conform to the Terms of Reference (TOR) issued by the Board. The DAR does not provide the information necessary to fulfill several items in the Final TOR.

In general, the DAR relies on cost-benefit analyses to assess project feasibility. This approach differs from environmental impact assessment. As a result, several of the appended technical reports provide the context for the project, but do not specifically address items required in the Final TOR. For greater clarity, the DAR should be a stand alone document that provides critical details about the operation and preliminary predictions of the associated environmental impacts.

Attached is a summary of the key deficiencies that must be addressed in order to be found in conformity. This environmental assessment process will not proceed until these deficiencies have been addressed.

Please call to arrange a meeting with Kimberley Cliffe-Phillips, Environmental Assessment Officer, to discuss requirements for the re-submission to avoid any delays. Kimberley can be reached by phone at 867-766-7062 or by e-mail at Kimberley@mveirb.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vern Christensen'.

Vern Christensen  
Executive Director