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Re: Round Two Information Requests Imperial Deh Cho Geotechnical Program, Environmental Assessment 03-009.

IR # 14 Government of the Northwest Territories

Environment Canada

Reference: DAR Section 5.1, Access

Request: Please provide some analysis on the potential effectiveness of deer whistles, and

other alternative alert devices, to minimize the potential of wildlife-vehicle

collisions for this project.

Response Comments

Environment Canada would consider the term "deer" to include all deer species including the white-tail, woodland caribou, and moose.

Environment Canada is not aware of any scientific studies concerning alarm devices such as deer whistles and their effectiveness in minimizing potential wildlife-vehicle collisions. Therefore Environment Canada is unable to provide an analysis, as requested by the Deh Cho First Nations, on the potential effectiveness of deer whistles or alternate alert devices for this project.

I can be contacted at (867) 669-4736 (by e-mail at wade.romanko@ec.gc.ca) for any questions or comments with regard to the foregoing.

Sincerely,

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