

**DOCUMENT SECTION****ISSUE / COMMENT**

1.3 LEGAL CONTEXT

WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE INCLUSION OF SOME CONTEXT INFORMATION REGARDING ABORIGINAL RIGHTS, THE HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS OF LAND AND RESOURCE OWNERSHIP, AS WELL AS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSULTATION, ACCOMMODATION, AND COMPENSATION.

2. CLOSURE AND RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES

PLEASE USE THE PROPER LEGAL TERMS " RESTORATION AND ABANDONMENT"

3 SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT

PLEASE CLARIFY WHAT IS MEANT BY "COMMUNITIES WITHOUT A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE. SUCH AS THE METIS". DO YOU MEAN METIS COMMUNITIES FROM OUTSIDE THE SPECIFIED GEOGRAPHIC AREA? THERE NEEDS TO BE CONSISTENCY IN THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY. ARE THEY TO BE SPATIALLY OR CULTURALLY DEFINED? IF BOTH, WHICH FIRST? ARE THE METIS RESIDING IN YELLOWKNIFE CONSIDERED A SUB-POPULATION OF THE YELLOWKNIFE COMMUNITY, OR ARE YELLOWKNIFE METIS A SUB-POPULATION OF NORTH SLAVE METIS?

FOOTNOTE PAGE 12

THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY DESERVES TO BE MORE THAN A FOOTNOTE. IT MAY BE A CRITICAL ISSUE FOR US. POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON OUR METIS IDENTITY AND SOCIAL COHESION CAN NOT BE ASSESSED IF WE ARE NOT RECOGNIZED AS A POTENTIALLY AFFECTED COMMUNITY.

4.2 SPECIFIC TERMS - VIII

NSMA WISHES TO BE IDENTIFIED, SPECIFICALLY, AS A (POTENTIALLY AFFECTED) COMMUNITY

ALTERNATIVES - PG 11

ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULES (PACE OF DEVELOPMENT = TEMPORAL DISTRIBUTION OF IMPACTS) SHOULD BE ASSESSED FOR THE RELATIVE BENEFIT AND COSTS DISTRIBUTION

QUESTION -ASSESSING SIGNIFICANCE PG14

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS HAVE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED PROPONENTS TO REFRAIN FROM ASSESSING SIGNIFICANCE - AS THAT RESPONSIBILITY WAS RESERVED FOR THE BOARD

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - PG 15

RESIDENTS VS. MEMBERS OF COMMUNITIES - DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY, FOR IMPACT DISTRIBUTION, SHOULD BE CULTURAL (MEMBERS) RATHER THAN SPATIAL (RESIDENTS). THIS WOULD RECOGNISE THE SPECIFIC LEGAL, HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL REALITIES OF THE REGION.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - PG 15

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EACH OF THE IDENTIFIED (CULTURALLY DEFINED) COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE SPECIFIED - IN THE SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES, AND IN THE NEED FOR TRAINING, EDUCATION OR OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

H-2 SOCIETY AND CULTURE PG 16

SHOULD ALSO PREDICT AND ASSESS IMPACTS ON CULTURALLY DEFINED COMMUNITIES OF HUMAN AND OTHER RESOURCE SHORTAGES, WAGE INFLATION PRESSURES, AND RESULTING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY ISSUES - IE: NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES COMPETING WITH / DISPLACING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES, LAND USE PLANNING.

H-2 DISTRIBUTION OF IMPACTS / EQUITY

ASSESS OPTION COST TO (CULTURALLY DEFINED) COMMUNITY OF NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEPLETION PRIOR TO SETTLEMENT OF RESOURCE PROPERTY RIGHTS ISSUES -

H-3 HERITAGE RESOURCES- PG 17

THE DEFINITION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES NEEDS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE POST-CONTACT ETHNOGENESIS OF THE METIS

1-6 AIR QUALITY PG 27

ODORS AND NOISE SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF WILDLIFE DISTURBANCE/AVOIDANCE AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRADITIONAL USE.

J ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION PG 29

THERE SHOULD BE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF RESTORATION GOALS AND CRITERIA OR AT LEAST DETAILS ON HOW EACH COMMUNITY (CULTURALLY DEFINED) WILL BE INVOLVED. THE ISSUE OF COMPENSATION AND SECURITY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IF RESTORATION IS NOT TO BE ACHIEVED ACCORDING TO COMMUNITY STANDARDS.

K CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

NEEDS TO ASSESS POTENTIAL CUMULATIVE IMPACTS RESULTING FROM ACCIDENTS, MALFUNCTIONS, EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENT ON PROJECT (GLOBAL WARMING, EARTHQUAKES, ETC)