

**AINC-INAC Ministre-Minister - FW: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board recommendation for Thelon Basin**

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Jim Prentice  
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Dear Mr. Prentice:

I am writing to encourage you to follow the recommendation of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board to deny Ur-Energy's request to conduct uranium exploration on lands of vital cultural importance to the Dene people.

The land in question - the Thelon Basin - is hallowed ground known to the Dene as "the place where God began". Allowing resource exploration on this land would be akin to looking for oil under Saint Peter's Basilica.

The Thelon Basin is one of the few remaining pieces of pristine land in the country. As one Dene child asked "If you do find uranium, you'll try to get it, right? It's better just not to check. Just leave it there."

To lose this land to exploration and development would be a tragedy for Canadians and the Dene. I urge you to do the right thing and accept the recommendation of the review board.

Sincerely,

Moe Luksenberg