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Your file: EA0708-004 EA0708-005

Mr. Richard Edjericon
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Dear Mr. Edjericon:

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Thank you for your letter of July 31, 2009, regarding the closure of the environmental assessments for the Bayswater Uranium Corporation Crab Lake Mineral Exploration Project (EA0708-005), and the Bayswater Uranium Corporation El Lake Mineral Exploration Project (EA0708-004).

By copy of this letter, I am advising the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board that the Review Board has closed the environmental assessment proceedings for these proposed developments as a result of Bayswater Uranium Corporation's withdrawal of its Land Use Permit Applications (MV2007C0009 and MV2007C0010) from consideration at this time.

In light of the foregoing, the Responsible Ministers and I will no longer be making a section 130 decision of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* regarding the Review Board's Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the above-noted projects.

I wish to thank the Review Board for its efforts in these matters.

Sincerely

Chuck Strahl

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