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Ms. Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott  
Chair  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact  
Review Board  
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Dear Ms. Mackenzie-Scott:

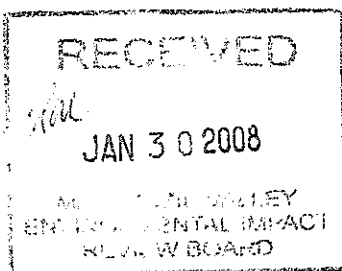
This is in response to your letter of November 21, 2007. I would like to first thank you for your welcome at the Board Forum on November 7, 2007. It was a pleasure to speak with you and to outline my plans for regulatory improvement across the North.

I was very pleased to see your support for the Northern Regulatory Improvement Initiative and for my appointment of Neil McCrank, as my Special Representative for the Northern Regulatory Improvement Initiative. My announcement was an important first step in building a comprehensive agenda for regulatory improvement across the North, an endeavour that will only be successful if is built on collaboration and has the broad support of stakeholders.

Departmental officials are currently working with Mr. McCrank to map out his engagement of groups and individuals over the coming months and I can assure you that the members of the Board Forum will be included in this engagement.

Collectively and individually your organizations are integral to the regulatory regime in the Northwest Territories and so your views and recommendations will be invaluable to Mr. McCrank's engagement and subsequent report development. Your recommendations about the overall regulatory regime, as well as your views of the concept of a Major Projects Management Office, will be welcome.

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Once again, thank you for bringing your views to my attention. I look forward to working with you as I continue the development and implementation of my plan for regulatory improvement across the North.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Strahl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "C" and "S".

Chuck Strahl

c.c.: NWT Board Forum Members