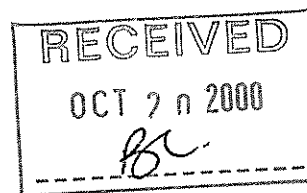


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**to: Mr. Gordon Stewart  
MVEIRB, Yellowknife, NT****fax #: 920-4761****re: Prairie Creek Mineral Exploration and Cat Camp/Fuel Cache Retrieval and Clean-up  
Project****date: October 20, 2000****pages: 2.....(including this cover sheet).****COPY****Gordon:**

As requested, our written response on this EA is attached.

**Ranjit.**

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Environmental Officer  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
Box 938,  
Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N7

Dear: Gordon:

**Re: Environmental Assessment of Prairie Creek Mineral Exploration and Cat Camp/Fuel  
Cache Retrieval and Clean-up:**

I am writing to respond to your letter of October 11, 2000 requesting written notification of DIAND's intention to participate in the above-mentioned environmental assessment (EA), being conducted by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB).

Please note that DIAND intends to participate in the EA, both as an 'expert advisor' and as an 'intervener'. In our capacity as 'Crown land manager,' DIAND will also be a 'responsible minister' with respect to disposal and administration of any lands as noted in section 69(b) of the MVRMA. In addition, our responsibilities as defined in Part 5 of the Act as the 'federal Minister' may require specific involvement at various stages of the EA.

Should you require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me, as I will be the departmental coordinator for this EA.

Sincerely,

Ranjit Soniassy

cc Rosanna White - Environment and Renewable Resources Directorate NRE  
Sarah Kalfi - Environment and Renewable Resources Directorate NRE  
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