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March 1, 2001

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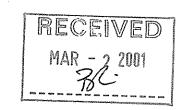
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Our reply to the IR is attached.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dan Elliott

District Manager

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

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From: Daniel Quevillon

RMO II

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Fort Simpson, NT

September 8, 2000

RE: CAT CAMP - PRAIRIE CREEK AREA

Please take note that on September 7, 2000 at approximately 10:10 am, I leave the Fort Simpson area via Canadian Helicopters and flew over to Canadian Zinc Corporation Paririe Creek's Cat Camp.

As I flew over the whole site, I observed one berm area with Two big Yellow coloured tanks. There was also seven 7 empty 45 Gallon drums laying beside the tanks. At the other side of the camp, I noticed a single big blue tank with a white horizontal stripe mid-way on it with lots of 45 and 10 gallon drums beside it. I could see dark stains on each of the 3 big tanks and some stains around the valves.

I first landed by the two yellow tanks. These were located in a bermed area. I noticed an odour of hydrocarbon when I approached the tanks. Both tanks had dark stains on the bottom valves and clean out plates. I took my right index finger and rubbed one of these areas and I cold see a wet hydrocarbon film on the tip of my finger. These dark areas were not dry. There were 7 empty 45 gallon drums laying beside the two drums.

I secondly landed by the single blue and white tank. This was also located in a bermed area. I noticed a smell of hydrocarbon when I approached this tank. This tank was obviously leaking from the seam near the top of the of the tank. Again there was a visible wet sheen on the side of the tank. Nothing considerable but it was there. The valve at the bottom of the tank is leaking. It is a very slow leak but it is leaking. Someone has placed absorbant pads under the valve. There were 66 - 45 gallon drums sitting beside the blue tank and 33 of them were full. There were also 28 - 10 gallon drums there and 5 of them were full.

It is important to note that all efforts should be implemented to prevent further contamination to the area.

Daniel Quevillon, RMO II Fort Simpson, NT