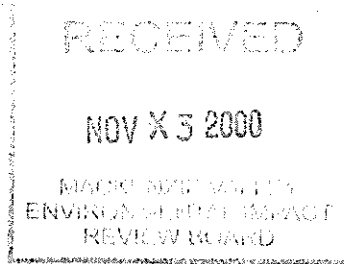




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Re: Prairie Creek Mineral Exploration and Cat Camp / Fuel Cache Retrieval and Clean-up

Dear Mr. Stewart:

This letter is to advise you that following the review of the above mentioned project proposal, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is not a "Responsible Minister" in accordance with s.111 of the MVRMA in relation to this development proposal.

NRCan, However can be an "Expert Advisor". We may have expertise in the following areas which may apply to the project:

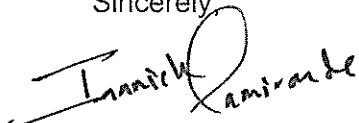
- economic justification for energy and mining proposals
- energy efficiency, diversification, and transportation fuels
- explosives
- forest, mineral, and/or energy technology
- forest management on federal and Indian lands
- forest ecology and resources
- geographic information systems
- geohazards (earthquakes, seismicity, landslides, etc.)
- geomatics
- geoscience (surficial and bedrock geology, geomorphology, groundwater, etc.)
- geotechnical
- mine site development, mineral processing technology, and mine site reclamation
- mine waste management, including tailings and waste rock, protection of surface and groundwater quality, and acid mine drainage
- national and international energy, mining, and/or forest policy
- permafrost
- remote sensing
- surveys of federal lands

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Any request for expertise should be made in writing, and the deadline for our respond should be specified. In order to help us and avoid unnecessary delays, we invite you to provide us with information such as the scope of project, the scope of the assessment and the subject areas and/or portions of the documents to be reviewed.

If you have any questions regarding NRCan's response please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (819) 996-0055 or by e-mail at lannick.Lamirande@NRCan.gc.ca.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lannick Lamirande". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "L".

Lannick Lamirande
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