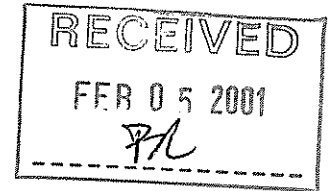




Northwest  
Territories Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development



February 2, 2001

Mr. Louie Azzolini  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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Dear Mr. Azzolini:

**Conformity Check for Canadian Zinc Drill Program and Fuel Recovery  
Environmental Assessments**

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has undertaken a conformity check of the information contained in the two environmental assessment reports submitted by Canadian Zinc. Please note that in conducting the conformity review, the GNWT has confined its response to areas within its mandate. A summary of those items responded to for both environmental assessments is provided in the attached table.

The Government of the Northwest Territories is satisfied that, overall, the proponent has adequately responded to the terms of reference provided by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB). The sole area in which GNWT reviewers found that the proponent had not provided adequate information was in the discussion of the cumulative effects of the drill program on wildlife, wildlife habitat and vegetation. In this regard, the proponent has provided no detailed discussion of the consequences of the combination of the seven hole drill program, the planned 2001 summer drill program, underground development, and pilot plant operation, and the fuel cache recovery project.

The GNWT is of the view that the proponent should be required to discuss, at minimum, the cumulative impacts of all these projects in terms of the areal extent of vegetation and habitat disturbance, and the temporal extent of disturbance to wildlife due to traffic and noise. An information request will be submitted to the MVEIRB providing further clarification of the information needs of GNWT reviewers.

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Information requests will also be prepared to seek further elaboration of the proponent's mitigation measures for dust suppression for both the drill program and the construction and operation of the tote road, and for their sewage treatment facilities. The foregoing list of information requests is not exhaustive, and the GNWT may submit additional requests prior to the February 10 deadline.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations. We look forward to the prompt completion of the technical review of these projects.

Sincerely, \*

  
for: Kathryn Emmett  
Director  
Policy, Legislation and Communications

Attachment

### Terms of Reference Evaluated for Conformity by the GNWT

TOR item	Opinion provided	Opinion not provided
4.1.1 air quality and climate	√	
4.1.2 Terrain		√
4.1.3 Vegetation and Plant Communities	√	
4.1.4 Water Quality and Quantity	√	
4.1.5 General Water	√	
4.1.6 Aquatic Habitat		√
4.1.7 Wildlife and Habitat	√	
4.1.8 Cultural and Heritage Resources	√	
4.1.9 Land and Resources Use	√	
4.1.10 Economy	√	
4.1.11 Noise	√	
4.1.12 Visual and Aesthetic resources		√
4.2.1 Traditional Knowledge		√
4.2.2 Developer performance record		√
4.2.3 Tenure		√
4.2.4 Regulatory Regime		√
4.2.5 Accidents and Malfunctions	√	
4.2.6 Consultations		√
4.2.7 Alternatives	√ (with respect to those items under GNWT jurisdiction)	
4.2.8 Closure and Reclamation	√	
4.2.9 Land Use		√

Please find in the attached table a summary of those terms of reference items for which a conformity check was undertaken, and those for which it was not.