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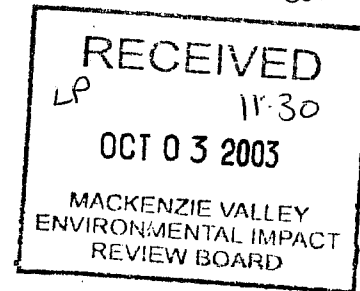
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Re: Mackenzie Gas Project PIP Update



In June 2003, the proponents of the Mackenzie Gas Project filed a Preliminary Information Package (PIP) with your agency, outlining their plans for developing three gas fields in the Mackenzie Delta and for constructing a gathering system, a gas transmission pipeline and associated facilities to transport the gas to market. Reference is made in the PIP to the production facilities to be installed at the three anchor fields (see, for example, Section 3.1, Anchor Field Development Planning, Section 5.2, Logistics Considerations and Section 11.2, Scope of the Project).

Since then, conceptual engineering studies continued. An outcome of this work is that Shell Canada Limited and Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited are now considering barge-mounted production facilities at Shell's Niglintgak field and Imperial's Taglu field. This alternative involves the off-site construction of barges on which production facilities would be mounted. The barges would be brought to the fields via the Beaufort Sea.

Further information will be provided in the regulatory applications to be submitted later. If you have any questions regarding this alternative, please call me at (403) 237-3984.

Yours truly,

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