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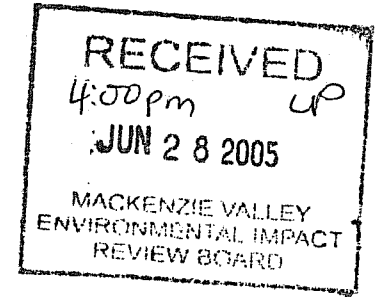


Minister of Indian Affairs and
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Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H4

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Ms. Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott
Chair
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
PO Box 938
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Dear Ms. Mackenzie-Scott:

As the Federal Minister, and on behalf of the other Responsible Ministers with jurisdiction related to this development (the Government of the Northwest Territories, as represented by Environment and Natural Resources, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Environment Canada), I am writing to convey our decision on the recommendation contained in the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited's Deh Cho Geotechnical Program, submitted February 18, 2005.

The Responsible Ministers have agreed to initiate consultation with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, pursuant to subparagraph 130(1)(b)(ii) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Regional officials from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, under the direction of Mr. David Livingstone, Director, Renewable Resources and Environment, will be in contact with you to provide suggested modifications to the recommended measures, and to set up a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Andy Scott, PC, MP

c.c.: The Honourable Stéphane Dion, PC, MP
The Honourable Geoff Regan, PC, MP
The Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger, MLA

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