



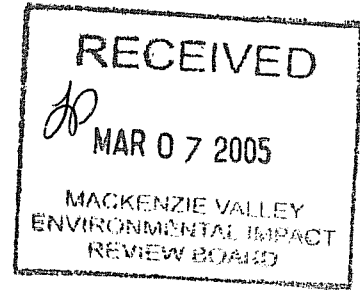
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G. M. Loomis, Acting Chair
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Re: Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on Imperial Oil Resource Ventures Limited's Deh Cho Geotechnical Program (EA 03-009)

Dear Mr. Loomis,

On behalf of the federal Minister and the Responsible Ministers with jurisdiction related to the above-noted development, I am writing to thank you for providing us with the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on Imperial Oil Resource Ventures Limited's Deh Cho Geotechnical Program, dated February 18, 2005.

The Responsible Ministers are reviewing the report pursuant to paragraph 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and will provide you with their response to the report's recommendation when they have completed their deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Overvold
Regional Director-General
Northwest Territories

cc. The Honourable Stéphane Dion, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Andy Scott, P.C., M.P.
The Honorable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Brendan Bell, M.L.A.