



Alternatives North

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Richard Edjericon
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Box 938
Yellowknife NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Edjericon

Re: EA0809-001 [2008] Redacted Version of the Site Stabilization Plan

Alternatives North has begun to review the over 25 new documents submitted by the Developers on August 11, 2012. We are concerned with the arbitrary redactions made by AANDC to at least one of these documents, the Site Stabilization Plan dated October 14, 2012.

We note for the record that Alternatives North requested the Site Stabilization Plan on several occasions until AANDC finally agreed to provide the document at the Pre-Hearing Conference held on July 27, 2012. At that point, an AANDC official indicated that the document would be reviewed internally and parts might be redacted. We expressed some concern but agreed to wait to see what may be submitted.

We are not aware of any precedent for a Developer to unilaterally decide that it can redact parts of a document that is submitted to the Review Board. We believe if AANDC wishes to keep parts of the document confidential, the proper procedure is to submit the document in its entirety to the Review Board who would then determine whether any portion should be kept confidential, as provided for in rules 23-25 of the Review Board's Rules of Procedure.

We would be pleased to discuss these matters with the other parties and your staff in an effort to resolve this issue in a constructive manner.

Sincerely,

Kevin O'Reilly
Alternatives North