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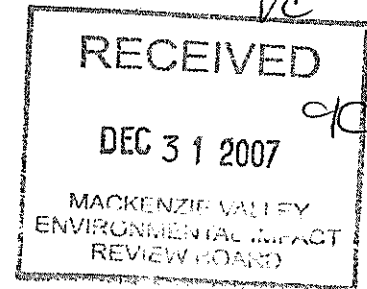
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Your file - Votre référence

Our file - Notre référence



Dear Ms. Mackenzie-Scott:

I am writing to you to follow up on the recent announcement made by Minister Strahl, on November 7, 2007, of the Northern Regulatory Improvement Initiative. More specifically I am writing to you in reference to the announcement of Neil McCrank as Minister Strahl's Special Representative for the Northern Regulatory Improvement Initiative.

Mr. McCrank has been asked to engage key stakeholders and partners in the Northwest Territories, to gather information on the regulatory regime as it exists currently and to obtain their views on, and interest in, possible change. Mr. McCrank has been asked to consider the following over-arching themes:

Capacity and Stable Funding

Policy and Management Frameworks

Targeted Legislative and Regulatory Amendments

Mr. McCrank will be developing a report, outlining his views on the regulatory regimes as they exist to date, as well as his recommendations for change, taking into considerations the views of those he engaged with. Following this the Government of Canada will develop a strategy for action.

I want to ensure that you have an opportunity to engage with Mr. McCrank as part of his consultations in the Northwest Territories. It is important that Mr. McCrank speak with all of the partners and stakeholders in the regulatory regime of the Northwest Territories, so that he is given a complete and balanced overview of the issues that it is facing. Therefore I want to ensure that you and [organization] have an opportunity to speak with Mr. McCrank, to share your views of the Northwest Territories regulatory regime.

A departmental official from the Regional Office will be in contact with your organization shortly, to set up a meeting with you or your representative. Mr. McCrank has indicated that he would be pleased to meet with you or your representative in a location convenient to you and in a format of your choosing.

Should you have any questions about the Northern Regulatory Improvement Initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me or Stephen Traynor, Director, Resource Policy and Programs (819-953-8613). You can also contact Kim Fairman, Senior Policy Advisor to the Regional Director General (867-669-2504), should you have any questions about scheduling a meeting with Mr. McCrank

Thank you,



Trish Merrithew-Mercredi
Regional Director General
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cc: Vern Christensen, Executive Director