



Active Environmental Assessments

- ▶ **Screech Lake Mineral Exploration**
Ur Energy Inc. EA0607-003

Status: The public record for this EA closed February 28, 2007— the Board is now drafting its Report of Environmental Assessment.

- ▶ **Pine Point Pilot Project**
Tamerlane Ventures Inc. EA0607-002
- Status:** Awaiting final Developer's Assessment Report.

The Board is expecting a revised Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) from Tamerlane Ventures that complies with the EA Terms of Reference.

- ▶ **SDL-8/2D Geophysical Program**
Paramount Resources Ltd. EA0506-007
- Status:** Report of Environmental Assessment awaiting Ministerial approval.

The Board recommended to the Minister of INAC that this proposed development proceed to the regulatory phase with appropriate measures.

- ▶ **Exploratory Drilling at Defeat Lake**
Sidon International Resources EA0506-006
- Status:** After discussions at the March 14, 2007 pre-hearing conference, the Board is combining the public hearing for EA0506-006 with the public hearing for EA0506-005—this combined hearing is in Yellowknife on Tuesday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

- ▶ **Drybones Bay Exploratory Drilling**
Consolidated Goldwin Ventures EA0506-005
- Status:** After discussions at the March 14, 2007 pre-hearing conference, the Board is combining the public hearing for EA0506-005 with the public hearing for EA0506-006—this combined hearing is in Yellowknife on Tuesday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

- ▶ **Yellowknife Gold Project**
Tyhee NWT Corporation EA0506-004
- Status:** Awaiting Developer's Assessment Report.

- ▶ **Deh Cho Geotechnical Survey**
Imperial Oil Ventures Ltd. EA03-009
- Status:** Report of Environmental Assessment awaiting Ministerial approval.



Chairperson Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott welcomes new Board Member Richard Edjericon to his first Board meeting.

Active Environmental Impact Reviews

- ▶ **Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine**
De Beers Canada Mining Ltd. EIR0607-001
- Status:** EIR referral awaiting judgment from NWT Supreme Court.

The Board is expecting an NWT Supreme Court ruling in early 2007 about the Board's decision to refer De Beers' proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine to an EIR.

Learn about the Review Board's beginnings in the new "History of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board" article. Download your copy at mveirb.nt.ca.

2007 EA Practitioners Workshop

This year's EA Practitioners Workshop exceeded the Board's expectations. At least 160 people registered for the two-day event February 27-28, 2007 in Yellowknife.

"We had a record number of participants," says Mary Tapsell, the Board's manager of EIA and the workshop organizer. "This was our fourth workshop in as many years and they just keep getting better and better."

The Review Board hosts the EA Practitioners Workshop annually. The workshops are a unique opportunity for people who work in environmental assessment for the government, industry or as regulators to reflect, learn and contribute to the Review Board's continuing effort to improve the EIA process in the Mackenzie Valley.



This was Jessica Simpson's first EA Practitioner's Workshop. Jessica works for the Arctic Indigenous Youth Alliance.

Review Board EIA Officer Alistair Macdonald with a conference participant.



Community EA Advisor Renita Schuh's presentation about translating EA terms from English into an aboriginal language made for a popular session.

Review Board Appointments

The Board is pleased to announce the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Jim Prentice reappointed Jerry Loomis and John Ondrack to the Board, and appointed Richard Edjericon as a new Board member in March 2007.

The Government of the NWT first nominated Loomis and Ondrack to the Board in 2004.

The Government of Canada nominated and appointed the former Chief of Dettah Richard Edjericon to the Board.

"We're happy that Jerry Loomis and John Ondrack are with us for another term—their experience with the Board adds to the quality of our environmental impact assessments," says Chairperson Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott.

"We're also looking forward to working with Richard Edjericon," says Mackenzie-Scott, "His experience and knowledge are great assets."

The Gwich'in Tribal Council, the Sahtu Secretariat, the Tlicho Government and the Dehcho First Nations each nominate a person to serve the Board. The NWT and federal governments nominate the other four members.

The Minister of INAC appoints members to the Review Board based on those nominations.

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