
Minister of AANDC adopts the Report of Environmental Assessment with modified measures for the Giant Mine Remediation Project

Yellowknife, NT. – The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) received notification on August 14, 2014 from the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC) that the Government of Canada has accepted the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Giant Mine Remediation Project. This includes the acceptance of eight modifications to measures as proposed by the Review Board on February 12, 2014.

This final decision represents the completion of the Review Board’s Environmental Assessment process of the Giant Mine Remediation Project, a project that has been identified as one of the highest priority federally managed remediation projects in Canada and of great significance and importance to the residents of the Northwest Territories, and in particular to the residents of Yellowknife and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

The Review Board thanks the Minister of AANDC and other Responsible Ministers for their careful consideration of the Review Board’s recommendations. The Review Board would like to acknowledge the significant role of all the parties to the Environmental Assessment in providing input to the Board throughout its process.

The Review Board believes that this Environmental Assessment process has resulted in an improved project design, improved safety, and reduced potential risks to human health and the environment.

The approval letter from the AANDC Minister with modified measures and the report of EA are available on the Review Board’s website at http://reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project_id=69 and at the Review Board office:

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About the Review Board

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board was established by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act in 1998 as an independent administrative tribunal responsible for the environmental impact assessment process in the Mackenzie Valley, Northwest Territories. As a co-management board, aboriginal land claim organizations nominate half of the board members, and the federal and territorial governments nominate the other half of the board members. The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada appoints all of the members to the Review Board.

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