



Active Environmental Assessments

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

Status: 1st round of Information Requests

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board referred this proposed uranium exploration development in the upper Thelon watershed to EA on August 31, 2006.

▶ **Pine Point Pilot Project**
Tamerlane Ventures Inc. EA0607-002

Status: Terms of Reference and Work Plan issued

The Board finalized and issued the Terms of Reference and Work Plan for EA0607-002 on October 5, 2006.

▶ **SDL-8/2D Geophysical Program**
Paramount Resources Ltd. EA0506-007

Status: Public Record closed

The Board closed the public record for EA0506-007 on October 12, 2006. The Review Board is drafting the Report of Environmental Assessment and the Reasons for Decision (REA). The Board is planning to submit the REA to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in November 2006.

▶ **Exploratory Drilling at Defeat Lake**
Sidon International Resources EA0506-006

Status: Awaiting Information Request responses

▶ **Drybones Bay Exploratory Drilling**
Consolidated Goldwin Ventures EA0506-005

Status: Awaiting Information Request responses

▶ **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: REA awaiting Ministerial approval

Responsible government ministers are continuing to consult with the Board about the possibility of modifying of measures recommended in the REA.



Autumn low-bush cranberries just before picking near Fort Reliance, NWT

Active Environmental Impact Reviews

▶ **Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine**
De Beers Canada Mining Ltd. EIR0607-001

Status: EIR order awaiting NWT Supreme Court judicial review

De Beers Canada Mining Ltd. filed an application with the NWT Supreme Court on July 28, 2006 for a judicial review of the Board's order referring the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine project to an EIR. The court hearing is scheduled for the third week of November 2006.

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The Review Board's fifth annual interpreter/translator workshops are beginning in Yellowknife the week of October 23, 2006.

Socio-economic impact assessment is this year's workshop theme.

During this year's workshops, interpreters and translators will identify and define standard socio-economic impact assessment terminology in Chipewyan, Dogrib, Gwich'in, North Slavey and South Slavey to add to the Board's growing "Glossary of Terms."



"Working with the interpreters and translators is one of the best parts of my job."

–Community Liaison Officer Renita Schuh

Community Liaison Officer Renita Schuh is coordinating and hosting the workshops throughout the NWT in partnership with the GNWT Department of Health and Social Services.

The "Glossary of Terms" is available at mveirb.nt.ca

* Dogrib for "teaching translators." Mahsi cho to Therese Charlo and Margaret Mackenzie for the translation.

The Board's new toll-free number is

1-866-912-3472.

This number works anywhere in the 867 area code region.

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Upcoming Events

Board representatives are attending the following events:

"Two Realities, One Community: Aboriginal Community Development with the Resource Sector"

Canadian Aboriginal Minerals Association

November 5–7, Ottawa

<http://www.canadaforum.com/>

- The Review Board is presenting "Incorporating Traditional Knowledge into Environmental Impact Assessment" November 7 at 10:30 a.m.

34th Annual Geoscience Forum

The NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines, in partnership with the Government of Canada, the NWT Geoscience Office, and the GNWT

November 21–23, Yellowknife, NWT

<http://www.nwtgeoscience.ca/forum/>

- The Review Board is presenting "An Introduction to the *Socio-economic Impact Assessment Guidelines*"



Happy Halloween
from the members
and staff of the
Review Board.

Manager of Finance and Administration
Wendy "Wicked" Ondrack carved this
jack'o lantern.

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