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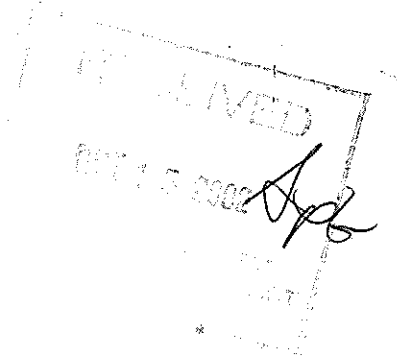


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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

This is in response to your letter of July 12, 2002, concerning the revised Report of Environmental Assessment on the Canadian Zinc Corporation Cat Camp Fuel Retrieval and Clean-up Development dated July 11, 2002.

As the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) has dismissed the Environmental Assessment (EA) proceedings for this development, section 128 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (Act) does not apply. Consequently, a decision by the Minister pursuant to section 130 of the Act is not required.

By copy of this letter, I am advising the Mackenzie Valley Land And Water Board that the MVEIRB has dismissed the EA proceedings for this project. The development described in the EA Report dated January 26, 2001, no longer applies as the fuel at Cat Camp was incinerated in March 2002, pursuant to direction from Environment Canada inspectors to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada officials.

My thanks to the Board for its efforts in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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