

# Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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Dear Mr. Hudson,

**RE: Information Requests for the Government of the Northwest Territories – Patterson Sawmill Ltd. Environmental Assessment**

The Review Board considered the Patterson Sawmill Ltd. Environmental Assessment and determined that the GNWT could provide information necessary for its consideration of the proposed development. Therefore, the Review Board has issued the attached information request to the GNWT and a letter requesting clarification from Mr. Patterson regarding the proposed development. The Review Board requests that the GNWT respond to the attached Information Requests on or before June 25, 2001.

If you have any questions about the Review Board's request please feel free to contact Louie Azzolini at (867) 873-9029.

Sincerely,



Roland Semjanovs  
A/Executive Director

Attachment

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# Information Request

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**Date:** April 23, 2001

**From:** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

**Phone:** c/o Luciano Azzolini 873-9189  
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**Subject:** Impacts on the environment of the Proposed Patterson Sawmill Ltd. Timber harvest development.

**Objective:** To get expert input on the effect of the proposed timber harvest on the biophysical environment, and trappers resident in the community of Fort Resolution.

**Time Limits:** On or before June 25, 2001

**Reference:** Terms of Reference line numbers 94-124.

**Preamble:** The Review Board is asking the GNWT to provide information regarding the impacts of the proposed Patterson Sawmill Ltd on the environment. In doing so the GNWT should take into consideration the zone of influence of the proposed development on vegetation and wildlife and the resulting impacts to wildlife harvesters living in Fort Resolution.

The GNWT's should provide a description of the existing biophysical environment effected by the proposed development in sufficient detail to address the relevant impacts of the proposed development on those individuals in Fort Resolution affected by those biophysical changes. Impacts of the proposed development should be reported in the context of their magnitude, geographic extent, timing, duration, and frequency taking into consideration relevant mitigation measures. The GNWT is asked to give careful attention to the impacts of the proposed development on wildlife harvesting for all phases of the proposed development including site preparation, harvesting, closure and site rehabilitation.

**Please provide:**

- 1) The impacts of the proposed development on local plant communities, rare or highly valued species including long-term, direct and indirect, habitat loss or alteration.
- 2) The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed development on wildlife and wildlife habitats, including migratory birds. Special consideration shall be given to species listed as vulnerable or endangered on the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) list.
- 3) The impacts of the proposed development on the use of land for wildlife harvesting purposes taking into specific consideration hunting and trapping.

- 4) Explain the chance of and size of an accident or malfunction that could happen with the proposed timber cutting development and what contingencies should exist be in the event of an accident and/or malfunction.
- 5) A cumulative effects assessment (CEA) of the proposed development on vegetation and wildlife. The CEA should identify the development activity contributing a cumulative impact, its concurrent potential impact to the environment (specifically on vegetation and wildlife), any recommended mitigative measures with evidence that the measures work and a prediction of the significance of cumulative impacts that cannot be mitigated.