

EA01-005

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To: Joe Acorn
Subject: EA01-005 Cameron Hills Gathering System and Pipeline EA

Hi Joe. I have been trying to fax the attached document to your office since yesterday evening to no avail. The machine is always busy.

Anyway, I have a few questions regarding the above. The questions are in letter form (attachment).

My e-mail is not set up yet. It will probably be set up by next Tuesday. If you would like, please fax a response back to me at (867) 695-2038 or call me at (867) 695-2355. I only work afternoons from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

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RE: EA01-005 Cameron Hills Gathering System and Pipeline EA

After reviewing the above, a letter dated March 19, 2002 from the National Energy Board and a current Research Licence Application pertaining to this project, a couple of concerns were cited.

First, it was concluded that Paramount Resources Ltd. is required to revegetate certain areas with seed mixtures not native to the area. The current Research Licence Application states, "Main vegetation types will be determined from air photos and ground truthed in the the field. This aids in the description of vegetation as wildlife habitat." I do not understand why they are only collecting the information on the vegetation now when the National Energy Board already approved their seed mixture. It would make sense to determine the types of vegetation before the seed mixture is used. Is this seed mixture commonly used regardless of the type of vegetation in the area?

Also, under the MVEIRB EA Measures, Measure #3 it states, "The MVLWB and/or the NEB ensure that Paramount consults with the GNWT to develop revegetation plans for areas that require remedial action. These plans should be filed with the GNWT, the MVLWB and the NEB." Who is the contact person with GNWT, Ray Case? I am assuming the department would be RWED.

The seed mixtures that are commonly used are highly competitive, non-indigenous agronomic species. For this reason, it will be sowed only in

areas that absolutely require it. Then, it will be monitored to ensure that it does not "overrun" other species. If the plants from this mixture become a threat to the native species of the area, what is the plan of action to completely remove them from the area? This task would be very difficult after the fact as these plants will likely pollenate and expand to other areas near by.

I have directed these questions to you as the MVEIRB is the regulatory body to ensure the conditions are followed.

A prompt response would be greatly appreciated as we have to reply to a Research Permit Application.

Sincerely,

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c. John Bartlett, Resource Management Coordinator