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Dear Ms Morin

Ref # 34

Re: Your Information Requests for the Northrock Resources Summit Creek B-44 Well Environmental Assessment

Thank you very much for actively participating in this Environmental Assessment. The Review Board has considered your submission and decided to issue an Information Request to Northrock Resources containing several of the questions you proposed.

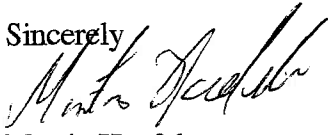
The Review Board recognizes that your organization did not have the benefit of possessing a copy of Northrock's application for a Land Use Permit and Water Licence to the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB). Nonetheless, the Board decided to issue only those questions in your IR #1 that are not addressed in this application and that will thus add new information to the assessment. Northrock's application to the SLWB is available in the SLWB's, as well as the MVEIRB's Public Registry. You are most welcome to view the application and/or to obtain photocopies of any section you consider relevant. A copy of the Information Request as issued is attached to this letter.

The Review Board decided against issuing the Information Request concerning cumulative effects of full life-cycle activities. In section 2 of the Terms of Reference for this assessment the Board determined the scope of the development to include activities necessary for the drilling of an exploration well only. As such the developer has already addressed the effects of the "full life-cycle" of this particular development.

In most cases exploration does not lead to production with its related facilities and activities. Therefore, other oil and gas developments, such as a gathering system and pipeline, in this area may not be considered reasonably foreseeable at this point. However, any future plans by Northrock to produce oil or gas in this area, or to explore further, will be subject to a separate environmental impact assessment process under the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

Once again, thank you very much for participating in this Environmental Assessment. Please do not hesitate to make use of our public registry or to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me at 766-7053 or mhaefe@mvairb.nt.ca.

Sincerely



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