

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

June 13, 2005

Re: EA0506-003 Ur Energy's Proposed Uranium Exploration

I am very concerned about the proposed mineral exploration development in the area of the Thelon River.

My husband and I were fortunate enough to go on a two-week canoe trip on this magnificent river in 1991. It was our first time in the Arctic and the whole thing was overwhelming: the peace and quiet, the beauty, and the freedom – not only for us, but also for all the wonderful animals that we saw. I had the privilege of being welcomed by a lone muskox on the beach one morning as I was preparing breakfast for our group. What a thrill that was for me! We saw several muskox, a few caribou, the odd moose, one grizzly bear and several wolves. This is their land, so let us keep it for them.

Not only for them. Let us also keep open the many paths that are very obvious on the tundra which the caribou use for their migration and thus supply food for the Native people - the Dene and Inuit.

All Canadians have a responsibility to help protect their land and to leave it to those who know how to live on it in the right way.

Please deny Ur Energy this application, for the sake of all Canadians and the wildlife that depends on the Thelon basin.

Most sincerely,

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