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Dear Mr. Duxbury:

**EA0506-007 Paramount Resources Limited Significant Discovery Licence 8 Geophysical
Program (SDL8) - Information Request IR0506-007-29
National Energy Board (NEB) Response**

The National Energy Board's response follows the information request.

IR Number: IR0506-007-29
Source: Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation
To: National Energy Board
Reference: No Reference

Preamble:

The NEB has inspection responsibilities for this project.

Request:

Please provide the following information.


1. If environmental problems are encountered during inspections, please explain the NEB process for informing and involving the KTFN on these problems and developing solutions.
2. Copies of all previous inspection reports of Paramount seismic projects in the NWT with any problems, concerns or infractions highlighted.
3. Copies of any orders or instructions that were issued to Paramount.

4. Identification of any outstanding concerns and plans for resolving those concerns.

Response:

1. Environmental protection measures for seismic programs are typically added as conditions to a Land Use Permit or Water Licence. The NEB inspections focus primarily on safety concerns. In practice, when the NEB Inspector encounters a potential environmental concern with a seismic program, the Inspector informs the local INAC Resource Management Officer or Water Resources Officer. The NEB has no specific process for informing or involving the KTFN with regards to environmental problems. However, a company regulated by the NEB, may decide to keep local community members informed.
2. The NEB is not aware of any previous NEB environmental inspection reports of Paramount seismic programs in the NWT.
3. The NEB is not aware of any NEB environmental orders or instructions that were issued to Paramount for seismic programs.
4. The NEB is not aware of any outstanding environmental concerns with previous Paramount seismic programs.

Sincerely,



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