



December 11, 2009

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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Box 938, #200 Scotia Centre
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Re: Deze Energy's Taltson Expansion Project - NRCan Information Request

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board that Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has requested more information from the developer to determine whether we have a regulatory responsibility, under the *Explosives Act*, to issue licences and certificates for the manufacture (e.g. Temporary Factory License), licenses for the storage (e.g. Explosives User Magazine Licences), and permits for transportation (e.g. Explosives Transportation Permits) of explosives.

We have contacted the developer to request more information regarding the production and storage of explosives for this project and are awaiting a response.

If the Board has any questions regarding NRCan's role, please contact the undersigned at (613) 995-2848 or by email at Shelley.Ball@nrcan.gc.ca

Sincerely,

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