

Paul Mercredi

From: Randy Freeman <rffreeman@ykdene.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 10:45 AM
To: Paul Mercredi
Subject: Thor IRs

Good Morning Paul, I understand LKDFN has requested an extension to the December 23rd deadline for the Thor Lake Rare Earth IRs. I would like to second that request. YKDFN offices are closed from noon tomorrow through to January 3rd and with Todd's illness (he's been off almost three weeks) I find myself hard pressed to prepare IRs by the current deadline. An extension to at least the 6th of January would be most welcome.

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From: Mike Tollis <lkdfnlands@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 2:14 PM
To: Paul Mercredi
Cc: Stephanie Poole
Subject: Avalon IR deadline extension

Hello Paul,

I'm writing this letter in the hopes of extending the deadline for the Avalon's Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project IR requests. I've just recently started my employment with Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation as the Wildlife, Lands, and Environment Manager and have only begun to get familiar with the Avalon file. Usually for this stage in the project the WLED would hire a consultant to provide a technical review of the project, who would then provide the WLED with feedback in order for the WLED to produce the IRs from the local perspective. However, with the short amount of time remaining, the WLED will not have enough time hire consultants to properly assess this report.

Further, the Band Office as well as the WLED Office in Lutsel K'e will be closed tomorrow, December 16th, for 2 weeks for the Christmas holidays, so there will be no employee in the offices at these times to advance the work done on this project.

I've had discussions with a consultant and he believes that based on the work to be completed, including, preliminary reports, preliminary meetings, detailed analysis, review meetings with the community, final report with IR recommendations, and then finally the IRs themselves, this process could take up to 35 days.

We are hoping to extend the deadline by a month, moving the deadline date to the week of January 23rd, preferably, **January 27th**.

Please consider this request as the location of the Thor Lake Project is in the traditional territory of the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation, and moving on to the next phase of the project without proper IRs from this community would be unreasonable and may cause discontent among the Band members.

Sincerely,
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From: Stephanie Poole <screeningofficer@eastarm.com>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 3:19 PM
To: Paul Mercredi
Cc: steve ellis
Subject: EA1011-001 Information Request Deadline Extension

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the Akaitcho Dene First Nations I would like to respectfully request an extension to the deadline for the submission of written interventions or Information Requests, currently the deadline for the first round of IR's is set at December 23, 2011, the Akaitcho Dene First Nation offices will be closed from December 19 to January 4, 2012,

I would recommend that the deadline be extended to mid to late January 2012 in order to accommodate the meaningful participation of the Akaitcho Dene First Nations in this Environment Assessment review process,

As this is the last day of work for our staff, would you be able to reply to this request as soon as possible?

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