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Subject: Transport Canada's Response to Undertaking #1 from the Avalon Rare Metals Inc., Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project Public Hearing

In fulfillment of Undertaking #1 which states: Transport Canada to indicate how many prosecutions have taken place for spills occurring on Great Slave Lake and provide a list of incidents involving barge damage and sinking, provided to Transport Canada (TC) on March 4, 2013, please find our response below.

During the time period from 2000-2012, Transport Canada has not prosecuted any proponent(s) for spills occurring on Great Slave Lake.

Transport Canada does not collect statistical information or maintain a database on the number of incidents in marine waters. The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) and the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) amass data on past incidences related to marine shipping. Transport Canada works closely with the CCG and TSB when occurrences do occur. Transport Canada refers the Mackenzie Valley Review Board to data provided by CCG and TSB in IR #2.07 with regard to incidents involving barge damages and sinkings.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Chris Aguirre via email at christopher.aguirre@tc.gc.ca or by phone at (204) 984-2615.

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