

May 31, 2013

To: Parties of the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project EA 1213-002

Re: Request for comment from Parties on issues scoping

Dear Parties,

The Review Board invites Parties to the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project environmental assessment to comment on a proposal by the developer about the process for scoping the issues for this assessment.

The developer has proposed a specific approach to issues scoping in a letter that is posted on the Review Board public registry (see "[Scoping Considerations for the Wrigley to Dempster Section of the Mackenzie Valley Highway](#)").

Parties are invited to consider and comment on the acceptability of the proposed approach to issues scoping. Specifically, the Review Board requests that Parties describe their views on:

- providing written comment on scoping without having public scoping session(s) in potentially affected communities
- allowing the developer to prepare a draft Terms of Reference and having the opportunity to provide comment and feedback

The deadline for comment is 5:00 pm, June 28, 2013.

The Review Board understands that the developer's proposal for issues scoping and drafting the Terms of Reference is to expedite the scoping phase of this assessment. The Review Board will consider Parties comments on this matter when deciding whether to accept the proposed approach. The list of Parties can be found on the public registry (see "[Party Status – Reasons for Decision](#)").

Please send your comments by mail, fax, or email to stoogood@reviewboard.ca.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me (867) 766-7053.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Distribution list:

- Dehcho First Nation
- Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
- Gwich'in Tribal Council
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- Transport Canada
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