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RE: Notification pursuant to s. 79 of the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) is undertaking an environmental assessment of Imperial Oil Resource (NWT) Ltd.'s proposed Waste Management Facility, located at Norman Wells. The Sahtu Secretariat Inc. (SSI) referred this development to environmental assessment under subsection 126(2)(b) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Under subsection 79(1) of the *Species at Risk Act*, the Review Board must notify the competent minister or ministers in writing of the project if it is likely to affect a listed wildlife species or its critical habitat.

Based on the location of the proposed Waste Management Facility, the nature of the proposed activities and the developer's submissions to date, the Review Board notes that this development has the potential to affect the following species listed under the *Species at Risk Act* (and possibly others that may be determined by Environment and Climate Change Canada):

Endangered or Threatened species:

- Barren Ground Caribou
- Woodland Caribou (Boreal population)

Species of Special Concern:

- Wolverine
- Grizzly Bear
- Bank Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Common Nighthawk
- Horned Grebe

- Rusty blackbird
- Red-necked Phalarope
- Peregrine Falcon
- Olive Sided Flycatcher
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Short-eared Owl
- Bull Trout
- Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee
- Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee
- Transverse Lady Beetle
- Yellow-banded Bumble Bee

During this environmental assessment, the Review Board asks that Environment and Climate Change Canada assist it in determining the likelihood of adverse effects from the proposed project on these species or their critical habitats. Please also indicate if any other species merit special consideration during this environmental assessment.

Relevant information about this environmental assessment is on the Review Board's public registry (<https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2223-01>).

Please direct any questions to Chuck Hubert, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer at chubert@reviewboard.ca, 867-766-7052, or Simon Toogood at stoogood@reviewboard.ca 867-766-7053.

Sincerely,

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