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Mackenzie Valley Highway - Updated Workplan Comments (EA1213-02)

The Government of Canada has completed a review of the 'Notice of Proceeding – Information Requests and Updated Workplan' document for the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project (the Project) that was distributed by the Mackenzie Valley Review Board (Review Board) on July 8th, 2024.

The Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO), on behalf of the federal departments participating in the environmental assessment (EA) of the Project, would like to thank the Review Board for providing the updated workplan and details about upcoming information requests.

We note that the updated workplan allows for time in mid-July to discuss parties' interest and availability for community and technical sessions this fall. We also note that the Review Board has invited parties to participate in online meetings to discuss the workplan and upcoming EA steps, including community and technical sessions. These meetings have been scheduled for July 25 and July 30, 2024.

In response to the updated draft workplan, we request that the Review Board provide some additional information on the level of detail that will be discussed for the community and technical sessions in these July meetings. The draft workplan, so far, identifies only that these sessions will take place in October. It is important that additional information (timing and location) be provided as soon as possible to facilitate planning and logistics to attend these sessions. It would also be helpful to understand what the scope of these meetings might include so that the appropriate representatives are made available and whether or not virtual attendance will be an option at some or all of these sessions to support the participation of those who may not be able to travel.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback on the draft workplan and look forward to the online meetings for further discussion.

Sincerely,

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