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Dear Mr. Cockney:

Re: Water Licence Applications and Screenings
MGM Energy Type "A" Water Licence Application Aput C-43

I am writing in response to our meeting of 06 August 2008, and your recent letter dated 14 August 2008, regarding the required Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) screening of the MGM Energy Corporation's Type "A" water licence application Aput C-43 Cuttings and Injection Facility.

It is my understanding that the Northwest Territories Water Board (NWTWB) is continuing to review the current Type "A" water licence application, will conduct a public hearing in Inuvik on September 18-19, 2008 if necessary, and develop a draft water licence post public hearing. In addition, the NWTWB has committed to working with the National Energy Board, the designated Federal Environmental Assessment Coordinator for this project, on the required CEAA environmental screening. As not to create delays in the processing of this application before the Board, I wish to inform the Board that the Department will review the draft CEAA environmental screening report, provide any comments on this report, and sign the final version of this report if acceptable to the Department. The NWTWB may also consider reviewing and signing the final CEAA screening report.

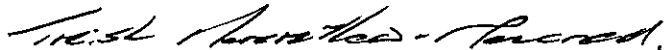
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The Department is committed to working with the Board to clarify this issue and develop a process for conducting CEAA screenings on Type "A" water licence applications in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR). In this regard, I agree that meetings of relevant INAC and NWTWB staff, along with associated legal counsel be held in the near future to develop a process and define responsibilities for conducting CEAA screenings on future Type "A" water licence applications in the ISR.

Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to working closely with the NWTWB to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,



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