



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

March 8, 2012

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Dear Mr. Auger,

Re: Information Requests related to the Proposed Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project

Please find attached Information Requests (IRs) that have been directed to the Department of Transportation from the Environmental Impact Review Board seeking information related to the proposed Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway project. These IRs have been generated as part of the environmental impact review of the proposed development being undertaken by the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) to fulfill the requirements of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Please complete a separate response to each IR, and clearly reference the IR number, topic and the Party that generated the IR (i.e., the source). Please complete your responses and submit them to the EIRB by March 30, 2012.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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INFORMATION REQUESTS

(Round 2)

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PURPOSE: Information Requests (IRs) issued by the EIRB to the Department of Transportation (DOT), GNWT related to the Review of the proposed Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
OF RESPONSES:** March 30, 2012

Information Request (IR) Numbers: 82

IR Number: *Number is assigned by EIRB*

Source: MSES Inc.

To: GNWT Department of Transportation
GNWT Industry, Tourism, and Investment

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Subject: Tourism (IR Responses Round I, IR #39)

Preamble

In the response to Round I IR #39, the Developer confirmed that the increase in tourist visits to the region is estimated to be 10%, or an additional 500 tourists per year, and further, that the increase in traffic volumes (from the current level of 139 vehicles/day to the estimated 150-200 vehicles/day) includes traffic from tourism. The Developer also stated that it confirmed with GNWT Industry, Tourism, and Investment that no precise seasonal breakdown of traffic is available.

It will be necessary to understand seasonal variation in traffic volumes in order to predict seasonal variation in tourism and prepare for associated effects, including increased Highway usage and influxes of tourists into the communities of Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik.

Request

- I. Please state which agency or organization will be responsible for monitoring traffic volumes, the frequency that these will be monitored, to whom this information will be reported, and the frequency of reporting this information.