



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

March 8, 2012

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Dear Mr. Elkin,

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 Health and Social Services 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 Health and Social Services (HSS), 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: 84, 86

IR Number: *Number is assigned by EIRB*

Source: | EIRB

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To: GNWT Health and Social Services

Subject: Emergency Response (Developer Response to 2b and 2c, Section 11.2, pp. 97-100)

Preamble

The Developer states that “No issues were identified with the level of emergency and law enforcement services available during the winter road operation; however, emergency response levels should be monitored and assessed by GNWT Health and Social Services during the operational phase of the Highway” (Developer Response to 2b and 2c, p. 97).

Request

1. As the Developer has recommended that emergency response levels should be monitored and assessed by GNWT Health and Social Services during operations, please indicate whether the your department agrees to monitor and assess emergency response levels, including potential changes in emergency response levels as these relate to the proposed project.
2. If the response to (1) is yes, please provide information on how emergency response levels will be monitored, including the indicators and measurement parameters that will be used, the frequency of monitoring and reporting, and indicate which other departments, agencies, and organizations the information will be made available to.

IR Number: *Number is assigned by EIRB*

Source: *EIRB*

To: Health Canada
Dept. of Justice GNWT
GNWT Health and Social Services
Beaufort-Delta Health and Social Services Authority
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

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Subject: Medical and Health Care Infrastructure, Human Health and Community Wellness
(Developer Response to 2b and 2c, Section 11.3, pp.100-102; Developer Response to 2b and 2c, Section 13.0, pp.112-116)

Preamble

With regard to Medical and Health Care Infrastructure, the Developer states that “The opening of the Highway may cause an initial rise in health care demand in Inuvik, with Tuktoyaktuk residents accessing health care services on a regular basis, but since it is already a regional medical care hub, it is unlikely to require a significant increase in permanent staff to meet the demand,” (Developer Response to 2b and 2c, pp.100).

In terms of Human Health and Community Wellness, the Developer notes that benefits of the project include increased and year-round access to medical and dental facilities, which are likely to improve the health conditions for Tuktoyaktuk residents, with the potential risk being increased access to alcohol (p.113).

The Developer has identified several agencies and organizations with existing responsibilities “related to administering related legislation, providing funds or public services, and/or conducting monitoring” (Developer Response to 2b and 2c, Section 13.4, p.114-116), but does not provide details on how project-related effects will be monitored and by whom.

Request

1. Please describe the role of your department, agency, or organization with regard to monitoring health conditions and various aspects of community wellness in general, and any efforts or activities that your department, agency, or organization will be involved in to mitigate and monitor *project-related* effects.
2. Please provide information regarding what your department monitors, including the indicators and measurement parameters, the frequency of monitoring and reporting, and to whom the information is reported and made available.