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RE: Technical Sessions Questions Request Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project

Dear Eli Nasogaluak,

Transport Canada (TC) would like to provide the following questions to the Developer as requested for the Technical Sessions in Inuvik on August 22-23, 2012:

1) Biophysical - Hydrology

TC requires the Developer to submit applications under the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWP); the information supplied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Fisheries Report (IMG-Golder, January 2012) and the Freshette Field Survey Report (Kavik-Stantec, July 4, 2012) does provide general water crossing information. However, the NWP applications will need to be submitted that includes additional and specific information for each crossing that may impact navigation. The applications require information such as watercourse widths, depths, grade, pictures upstream, downstream and across the location(s) intersecting the proposed highway and road access to the granular resources. Also, the watercourse crossing location(s) will need to be referenced in Degrees – Minutes – Seconds. The developer should note that any fish compensation to be employed at water crossings require NWP approval. When will TC receive the NWP applications for the construction of the highway and the road access to the granular resources addressing the impact to navigation on water crossings?

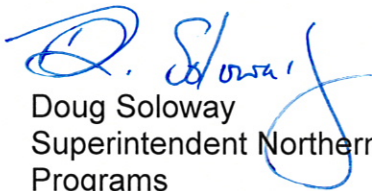
2) Human Environment – Socio-Cultural Patterns

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The TC – Aboriginal Consultations Unit would like information provided on the watercourse crossings that TC may be approving under the NWPA. From these locations and through the course of aboriginal consultations with aboriginal groups in the area; any concerns that aboriginal groups may have raised related to the watercourse crossings, possible adverse impacts on their potential or known aboriginal or treaty rights, and any mitigation measures that have been identified to address their concerns. When will TC receive the requested information regarding aboriginal consultations in this area of interest?

Should you require any further discussion or clarification on these comments, please contact me by email at doug.soloway@tc.gc.ca or by telephone at 204-983-7705.

Sincerely,



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