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From: Gershberg,Sid [CEAA]
Sent: July 25, 2003 3:43 PM
To: Bernier,Paul [CEAA]
Subject: RE: Note for Sid - Items to flag to Allison

Spoke to Allison. She is aware that you will be Acting for the next 2 weeks. Reviewed the various files including Kenogami (which she will have signed this afternoon.). She was hoping that the Minister will actually be able to see a couple of the files on Monday but she promised to move them quickly.

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From: Bernier,Paul [CEAA]
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2003 3:29 PM
To: Gershberg,Sid [CEAA]
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Sid

Sorry for delay. I need to unplug the phone.

Missing item: Kenogami.

Need to call Jean again to learn results of his conversation with Quebec re: signing and timing of announcement. My Quebec intelligence (ADM) is that announcement will be Monday.

Paul

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From: Young,Bruce [CEAA]
Sent: July 25, 2003 2:10 PM
To: Bernier,Paul [CEAA]
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Whites Point Quarry (Digby Neck Quarry - Joint Panel with Nova Scotia)

Memorandum sent by Sid Gershberg to the Minister, recommending that the Minister refer the Whites Quarry Project (referred to the Minister by Minister Thibault on June 26) to a joint review panel with the Nova Scotia government and that the Minister approve the release of the draft joint panel agreement for a 30-day public comment period. This recommendation package from the Agency was in Docket MIN045452 sent to Minister's office Friday July 18th.

Timing issue: Timing is critical. The Nova Scotia election is scheduled for August 5th a week from this Tuesday. We often have difficulty with PCO getting approval to issue a news release in a province close to a provincial election. Nova Scotia officials have clearly indicated to us that if we do not get the announcement of a joint panel out early next week (possibly Tuesday July 29th or Wednesday July 30th at the latest) we run the risk of losing the harmonization of a panel level review with the province as the new government may have a different take on the need for a provincial panel level assessment.

Horizon Oil Sands and Jackpine Mine Projects (Joint Panels with Alberta)

Memorandum sent by Sid Gershberg to the Minister, recommending that the Minister appoint Dr. George Kupfer to the joint panel with Alberta that will review both of these oil sands projects. Public consultation on the draft agreement (approved by the Minister early July) closes on July 30th. The recommendation

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package regarding panel appointment from the Agency was in Docket MIN045684, sent to Minister's office Friday, July 25. We will be returning to the Minister around August 1st to seek his signature on the final agreement and sign final letters for panel appointments.

Timing issues: We are seeking the Minister's early approval of his appointment (as per the draft agreement he appoints one, the other two are full time members of the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board) as his appointment to this panel requires provincial Cabinet approval of this individual to a temporary member of the Board. Confirmation of his appointment must be provided to Alberta by next Wednesday, July 30, to meet Cabinet deadline for their next meeting on August 5th.

Mackenzie Gas Project (Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Project)

Memorandum sent by Sid Gershberg to the Minister, seeking the Minister's approval to send the Mackenzie Gas Project to a panel review process, following on a request from the National Energy Board on July 17. This will initiate the process that will allow the delegation by the Inuvialuit of the project to a panel review under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. Further, it will initiate that next steps that will eventually lead to an agreement (draft already released to the public in October 2002) for a joint review process with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. The recommendation package regarding panel referral from the Agency was in Docket MIN045512, sent to Minister's office Tuesday, July 22.

Timing Issue: The National Energy Board has already posted on their web site, a copy of their letter to the Minister requesting a panel referral.

Eastmain 1-A/Rupert Diversion Project (Coordinated Panel Review with Quebec)

A memorandum will be sent Monday, July 28, recommending that the Minister approve the directives (guidelines) of the impact statement to be prepared by the proponent, Hydro-Quebec. This decision by the Minister is a requirement pursuant to the signed agreement that we have with Quebec and the Cree.

Timing Issue: A decision on the directives must also be made by Quebec. It is preferable to coordinate the associated announcements approving the directives. Quebec is anxious to make this announcement sometime next week.

Georgia Strait Pipeline (Joint Panel with the National Energy Board)

The Agency has been informed that the Joint Panel will be releasing its Final Report on Wednesday, July 30. A memorandum will be sent to the Minister on Monday July 28, informing the Minister on key recommendations in the report and next steps. The Agency has scheduled a briefing for key federal departments Monday afternoon, July 28, at which time, the Agency will provide copies of the report, embargoed until the public release on Wednesday morning.

Kenogami Flood Control Project (Joint Panel with Quebec)

Paul, I will leave this one for you!

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From: Bernier,Paul [CEAA]

Sent: July 25, 2003 12:31 PM

To: Young,Bruce [CEAA]

Cc: Gaudreau,Christine [CEAA]

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Importance: High

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Bruce

Please draft me an e-mail re: items for Sid to raise with Allison by phone this aft. He will place the call.

Thanks.

Paul

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