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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 2:39 PM
To: Mackay, Lori
Subject: FW: Midwest project - Track Report

From: Ross, Bev
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 3:59 PM
To: Hopky, Glen; McAllister, Dave
Cc: Flood, Ginny
Subject: RE: Midwest project - Track Report

Further to the federal meeting today on a potential track recommendation respecting the Midwest Uranium Project, the federal parties discussed the draft report and spent some time working on what the report would look like re:wording. The draft report, produced by CNSC, was making an initial indication for a continued Comprehensive Study. DFO did indicate we thought a panel should be more carefully considered based on the history of panels for this development, the expected high level of public concern with the Project, and our concern respecting the permanent loss of fish habitat in the Mink Arm of McMahon Lake. We were also interested in hearing from the other expert federal departments on the uncertainty around potential health and groundwater issues that have been identified in the draft track report.

However, we indicated DFO was not ready to make a firm recommendation for a panel without having an indication of what the public comments are, as well as some further internal discussion on what recommendation we may want to make respecting the loss of Mink Arm.

There was also some discussion on decision protocol and process given the CNSC would be required to hold a hearing on the proposed scope and track. DFO proposed providing a concurrence (support) letter to the CNSC prior to the hearing for what the federal parties agreed should be brought to the CNSC hearing on scope and track. Final sign-off on the track report would not then occur until after the CNSC hearing, to ensure coordination of decisions/recommendations.

I think at this time we need to meet internally to follow-up with a view to discussing the following:

- 1) The potential significance of the loss of Mink Arm (and/or the level of uncertainty around this), preferably in the context of what Julie Dahl is developing as policy on whole lake destruction - perhaps we could include her in the discussion.
- 2) Is this enough to more aggressively promote a track decision for a panel? What other factors do we need to discuss more thoroughly?
- 3) Aboriginal consultation - in light of the Dene Tha' decision, I'd like to further explore the need to undertake any consultation on EA scope and track with aboriginal people (note that the scoping document generated under S. 21(1) has been sent directly to aboriginal communities with a covering letter describing its purpose and informing the communities of the deadline for comments). Note further that the CNSC hearing may also cover off some of this potential consultation duty, if it exists.

I've got some time on Friday afternoon (15th), Monday (18th), or Tuesday morning (19th). Is anyone else available?

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From: Hopky, Glen
Sent: December 12, 2006 7:49 AM
To: Ross, Bev; Flood, Ginny
Subject: FW: Midwest project - Track Report
Importance: High

Bev:

I read this last light and notice that there is a meeting this afternoon to work with the Agency and CNSC on Midwest Uranium proposal on the s 21 Track Report.

I note that Agency is requesting that each Department be preapred to provide substantial input "strong feedback" on the direction of the Report including the drafting of a recommendation to the Minster on Panel or not.

I assume that this is reason why you asked me while we were in Kananaskis what I thought about a possible recommednation to a panel. I must admit I was unaware of these steps and that this stage of the process owas so imminent.

I see that the Agency is also wanting to discuss the next steps froma process perspective. In the absence of us discussing this I would like to know what your plans are for this particularly if the recommendation is for a panel, as our Sign-off protocol shows ADM sign-off.

Glen.
Glen Hopky

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Subject: RE: Midwest project - Track Report
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the first draft of the Midwest Project Track Report that has been prepared by Heather Jarrett at CNSC. We will be going over this report in detail on our call on Tuesday so that we can get input from all RA and FA departments. Please see below for more detail. Our goal is to have the report ready before Christmas except for the inclusion of any public comments

(and any necessary revisions).

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Here are the details for the call:

Tuesday December 12 - 1:00 CST

Dial-In Number(s):

* **North American Dial-In Number:** 1-888-265-0903

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Thank you,

Kristina Farmer

From: Farmer, Kristina [CEAA]
Sent: November 30, 2006 3:52 PM
To: 'Jarrett, Heather'; 'Lockett, Curtis'; 'McAllisterD@DFO-MPO.GC.CA'; 'Barker, Jackie'
Cc: Maracle, Brett [CEAA]
Subject: RE: Midwest project - Scoping and Track Decision

Good afternoon,

Based on your responses, we will have a conference call on **Tuesday December 12, 2006 at 1:00 CST (2:00 Ottawa time)** to discuss the track recommendation (the actual content of the report and recommendation, as well as the process to finalize it). Heather will have a draft of the document out to the group prior to the meeting so that we have a starting point. As indicated in my email last week (below), it is imperative that we have strong feedback from each department at this meeting as we need to move the process forward. For efficiency to the process, please ensure that the appropriate contacts in your department are on this call. **PLEASE CONFIRM WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN YOUR DEPARTMENT BY DECEMBER 8 SO THAT I CAN BOOK AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF LINES.**

Specific to the Track Report content, your input is required on the following:

- Potential of the Project to Cause Adverse Environmental Effects. This is a preliminary listing of effects, that will be based on the proponent's project description and baseline information, First Nations and public input (when available), technical information on other uranium developments, and professional judgment.
- Ability of Comprehensive Study to Address Project-Related Issues

AREVA has provided the Agency with some information on the consultations that they have conducted on the project thus far. The information includes some questions that were posed and AREVA's answers, which may be useful in our discussion regarding the track of the EA. I will forward this info to the group in a separate email.

Specific to the Track Report Process:

- We need to determine how the Track Report will be finalized, at what level in each department the report needs to be reviewed and signed-off, and how long this will take. Please be prepared to answer these questions at the meeting so that these details can be added to the workplan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks,

Kristina

From: Farmer, Kristina [CEAA]
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Subject: Midwest project - Scoping and Track Decision

Good afternoon,

The public consultation on the project-specific guideline / scoping document for the Midwest Project will be December 2 and will run until January 5. CNSC will be posting this information on the CEAR. SE is taking care of the publishing details and is circulating the document to the various viewing locations. DFO will be invoiced for the federal portion of the advertising costs.

Heather at CNSC has started to draft a track recommendation report. This report cannot be completed until after the receipt and review of public comments. However, it is imperative that the RAs meet during the consultation period to ensure that the draft report covers all of the RAs' issues and concerns. Heather has suggested that we meet sometime during the week of December 5th. Although it would be preferable to meet face-to-face, I suspect that everyone's schedules may not allow for this. So, a conference call might be our best choice.

Please let me know your availability for a meeting sometime between December 5-8 and I will schedule a meeting accordingly.

As this meeting will be used to formulate a draft track recommendation (to be revisited once the public comments are received), it is essential that each department come to the meeting prepared to provide meaningful comments and feedback into the report preparation. We will also need to discuss and finalize the details of report finalization / sign-off at this time.

Thanks,

Kristina Farmer

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