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David Scott
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Dear David

Re: Reinforced Skirting at the EKATI Main and Misery Camps

We would like to commend BHPB for the reinforced skirting that was undertaken at the main and Misery camps as brought to our attention in the January 11, 2006 letter to the Government of the Northwest Territories, copied to our office.

Given the wolverine problems over the years at the site, we view BHPB's recent response as a constructive and commendable action. We note too the monitoring under way of this improvement and that it appears to be successful. We look forward to further monitoring of the skirting, and, hopefully, successful results of this preventative measure that will lead to fewer wolverine incidents.

We encourage BHPB to share this success story with the Aboriginal communities.

Sincerely,

-ORIGINAL SIGNED BY-

Bill Ross
Chairperson

cc. Brent Murphy, Chief Environmental Officer, BHPB
Ernie Campbell, North Slave Superintendent, Environment and Natural Resources

