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Laura Tyler
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Dear Laura

Re: Technical Review of Air Quality Reports

The Agency commissioned a technical review of two air quality reports submitted by BHPB in October 2006, EKATI Diamond Mine 2005 Air Quality Monitoring Program and EKATI Diamond Mine CALPUFF Dispersion Modelling Assessment.

Given the importance of establishing a proper air quality monitoring program especially as it relates to dust and dust deposition (as discussed in our letter to the company dated May 8, 2006) and our need for the appropriate technical expertise, the Agency contracted with SENES Consultants Limited to conduct a technical review of these two reports. We have attached this review to this letter.

The Agency provided a copy of the review to BHPB (Brent Murphy) in April 2007 in the interest of ensuring that there were no technical errors or omissions, and to provide BHPB or their consultants an informal opportunity to discuss the review directly with SENES. We received an e-mail acknowledgement that BHPB would have its consultants prepare a formal response to the review.

We have not seen a formal response to date, and in the interest of openness and accountability, we are of the view that it is now time to share the technical review commissioned by the Agency, with all of our Society members. The Agency has not yet adopted the review or its recommendations, but would as always, requests BHPB's response and a discussion on how to move forward with an improved air quality monitoring program for 2008, the next year that the monitoring is to be carried out.



We look forward to BHPB's response and the opportunity to further discuss improving air quality monitoring with the company, regulators and other interested parties.

Sincerely,

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Bill Ross
Chairperson

cc. Society Members

Dave Fox, Environment Canada

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