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Bob Turner, Chair Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board, 2nd Floor, 5006 Franklin Avenue. P.O. Box 2577 Yellowknife, NT. X1A 2P9

Dear Bob,

## **Re: IEMA Request for enhanced inter-agency communication and an invitation for a joint EMAB-IEMA Board Meeting.**

With the recent progress made in the possible formation of a regional monitoring agency, we believe that it would be valuable for IEMA and EMAB boards to have a mutual increase in understanding of our converging interests. We would like to extend an invitation to John McCallum, or another designated EMAB member, to provide us with an update of EMAB's activities at our upcoming 38<sup>th</sup> Board meeting scheduled for mid-March 2004. We also suggest that updates from EMAB continue in subsequent IEMA board meetings. We are pleased to offer the service of our Manager, Carole Mills to provide a similar IEMA update to the EMAB Board, when requested.

Further, we would like to initiate discussions with EMAB to coordinate a joint meeting of the boards to take place in the near future. We would be interested in discussing concerns of a regional nature such as the coordination of monitoring protocols, cumulative effects monitoring and the formation of a regional monitoring agency. A joint meeting would provide a unique opportunity for introductions and interaction amongst both groups of Directors.

We look forward to working with you on these exciting initiatives. For further discussion please feel free to contact myself or Carole Mills.

Sincerely,

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William A. Ross Chairperson

Cc: Society Members.