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**Re. Mine Closure and Reclamation Workshop February 1-3, 2005**

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (the Agency) invites you to an upcoming 'Mine Closure and Reclamation Workshop' in Yellowknife, NT, from February 1-3, 2005 at the Yellowknife Ski Club.

The purpose of the workshop is to initiate discussion and identify issues about mine closure and reclamation. Under the current water licences and agreements, NWT mining companies are required to produce plans that detail how the mine will be closed, and how the land and water that were impacted by the mine will be reclaimed. Currently, there is a need for formal direction, through the NWT Mine Reclamation Guidelines on how reclamation should be considered and implemented.

The 'Mine Closure and Reclamation Workshop' will bring together Aboriginal society members and Directors of the Agency and of the Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board and representatives from industry, government and others to share ideas on the objectives, issues, options and measures of success that can be included in mine closure and reclamation plans. A summary of the main discussion items from the workshop will be presented to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), for their consideration in their ongoing review of INAC's draft '*Mine Reclamation Guidelines for the NWT and Nunavut*'.

We would like to keep the number of participants to a level that will facilitate good discussions on the issues. Therefore, we ask that you limit participants to 1-2 per organization, with experience or knowledge of reclamation issues. Please confirm your attendance via attached RSVP form by January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005. All confirmed participants will receive background information for review in advance of the workshop. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Invitation Form RSVP**

**Mine Closure and Reclamation Workshop  
February 1-3, 2005**

**Yellowknife Ski Club**

**Name of Individual (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please RSVP by January 17, 2005. Fax completed form to IEMA attention Carole Mills at (867) 669-9145 or e-mail to [monitor1@yk.com](mailto:monitor1@yk.com).**