

## The Agency Board of Directors

The Agency is made up of a Board of Directors appointed directly by four aboriginal groups including the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Akaitcho Territory Government, Dogrib Treaty II Council and the North Slave Metis Alliance. The Governments of Canada and the NWT and BHP Billiton jointly appoint three Directors.



The Agency Director appointed by the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Jaida Ohokannoak



The Directors and staff of the Agency

**Thank-you for your hospitality:  
Community of Kugluktuk  
Interpreters Mona Tiktalek and Marian Bolt  
Kitikmeot Inuit Association**

### About the Agency:

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency was formed in 1997 to act as a public watchdog for the Ekati Diamond Mine. We are governed by a Board of Directors and make recommendations on BHPB and government reports and plans, provide information to the public and the Aboriginal Peoples, and participate in the regulatory processes for Ekati. The Agency also makes recommendations on incorporating traditional knowledge into environmental programs and brings forth the concerns of Aboriginal Peoples and the public to BHP Billiton and governments.

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A public watchdog for environmental management at Ekati Diamond Mine™

## August 2004 Community Information Session, Kugluktuk, NU



**The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency**

## The Agency Community Visit to Kugluktuk, August 2004

The Agency was invited to the community of Kugluktuk by the Kitikmeot Inuit Association to conduct a community information session regarding the environmental performance of BHP Billiton at its Ekati Diamond Mine.



Agency Vice-Chairperson Tim Byers at the evening session

### Topics of Discussion included:

The Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program for the Ekati mine—how BHP Billiton monitors the water quality downstream of the mine and results from the past year.

Closing the Mine—an update on BHP Billiton's mine closure plan and what the Agency views as important to ensure the land is protected.

The Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program for the Ekati mine—The species monitored and methods used by BHPB to avoid harming wildlife and results from the past year

### Visiting the Kugluktuk High School

During the Kugluktuk visit, some members of the Agency visited the local school to discuss environmental issues related to diamond mining with the students and to encourage them to stay in school.

The Agency found the students to be very enthusiastic and educated about the various types of aquatic life found in northern lakes and streams.



Students at the high school in Kugluktuk



The Directors presenting scientific information to the students

### Learning about the land

Following the community visit, the Agency Directors and staff were invited out to 7-mile island for an evening of camping and fishing.



Harvesting Arctic Char in the Coppermine Delta, Nunavut

### Concerns heard from the Community:

#### Fish sampling

- Locations sampled downstream of Ekati
- Health of fish in the Coppermine River

#### Closing the mine

- Security deposits
- Ensuring the land is protected when mining is complete

#### Potential for downstream contamination

- How the company can prevent contaminants from moving downstream