

AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Agency consists of seven Directors appointed by the following:

- Akaitcho Treaty 8 (Łutsël K'e Dene First Nation and Yellowknives Dene First Nation)
- Tłı̨chǫ Government
- Kitikmeot Inuit Association
- North Slave Métis Alliance
- Government of Canada (Department of Indian and Northern Affairs)
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- BHP Billiton Canada Inc.

The Directors are independent of the appointing parties. We work together in the best interests of the people and environment affected by the Ekati Diamond Mine.



Agency Directors meeting with KIA staff



Agency Chairperson Bill Ross

THANK YOU!

Mayor Ernie Bernhardt, Hamlet of Kugluktuk
Jessica VanOverbeek, Recreation Coordinator
Kitikmeot Inuit Association Staff
Mathieu Dumond, Government of Nunavut

Interpreter: Mona Tiktalek

Caterers: Bessie Sitatak and Ilavut Centre

**Independent
Environmental
Monitoring
Agency**

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency was set up in 1997 under the Environmental Agreement. We act as a public watchdog for environmental management at BHP Billiton's Ekati Diamond Mine.

We review BHP Billiton's environmental reports and plans, visit the mine site, and listen to community and public concerns. We make recommendations to the company, governments and regulators on how best to protect the environment at Ekati. We tell the company and governments about community concerns, and make recommendations on the use of Traditional Knowledge in environmental programs.

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To schedule a meeting in your community with the Agency, or if you have questions about Ekati or our work, please feel free to contact us.



Board Meeting and Community Information Session

**Kugluktuk, Nunavut
March 15-17, 2011**

Agency Visit to Kugluktuk March 15-17, 2011

The Agency visited the community of Kugluktuk to hold a Board meeting and host a community information session about the environmental performance of BHP Billiton at the Ekati Diamond Mine.



Agency Directors and staff with KIA staff



Agency Directors meeting with Mathieu Dumond, Regional Biologist (Government of Nunavut)

What We Did

- Meetings with staff from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and Government of Nunavut
- Visits to the students at Jimmy Hikok Ilihavik School and Kugluktuk High School
- An evening open house including a community dinner and information session
- Board meeting where Directors and staff discussed their activities and Agency business

School Visits

During our visit, some of the Agency Directors gave presentations to the Grades 4 and 6 classes at Jimmy Hikok Ilihavik Elementary School, and to the Grade 10-12 class at Kugluktuk High School.



We discussed the Ekati diamond mine and related environmental issues, and talked about the Agency and our work. For example, the high school students participated in a practical exercise on how to monitor lake pollution. We also encouraged students to stay in school and talked about the potential for employment in the environmental field.

Community Open House

The Agency hosted an Open House at the Jimmy Hikok Ilihavik school gym on the evening of March 16th. A dinner was provided, and about 50 community members attended. The Agency gave a presentation on the Ekati diamond mine, BHP Billiton's environmental monitoring programs, and the Agency's work. There was also time for questions, and we had a good discussion about the effects of the mine as well as planning for closure and reclamation.



What We Heard

- People are interested in what changes have happened to the land and water as a result of the mine
- Questions about changes that monitoring plans and programs have detected - for example, changes to populations of zooplankton (tiny lake bugs that fish eat)
- People want to know what will happen to the open pits when the mine closes
- Concerns about animals killed by accidents at the mine