

## AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We have a Board of Directors with seven members appointed by:

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

Our Directors are independent of the appointing parties.



Agency Board meeting



Chairperson Bill Ross  
and Director Arnold Enge



Director Tony Pearse

## THANK YOU!

Larry Baran, Leanne Moosenose, Diane Nitsiza  
and the rest of the Community Government staff  
Isadore Zoe (Interpreter)  
Cindy Nitsiza (Caterer)

## Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency was set up in 1997. We are a public watchdog for environmental management at BHP Billiton Canada Inc.'s Ekati Diamond Mine. We work in the best interests of the people and the environment affected by the Ekati Mine.

We review BHP Billiton's environmental reports and plans for Ekati, 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.

## CONTACT US

Please contact our office to schedule a meeting with us in your community, or if you have questions about Ekati or the Agency's work.

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## Board Meeting and Community Information Session

Whati, Northwest Territories  
September 18-20, 2012

## Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency





## Agency Visit to Whati September 18-20, 2012

The Agency visited the community of Whati from September 18th to 20th. During our visit, we:

- Held a Board meeting, where Agency Directors and staff discussed their activities and Agency business
- Hosted an Open House with a community dinner and information session on the Agency's work and the environmental performance of BHP Billiton at the Ekati Mine
- Visited and presented to high school students at Mezi Community School

## Community Open House

The Agency hosted an Open House at the Whati Cultural Center the evening of September 19th.

About 40-50 community members joined us for dinner or to hear an Agency presentation on BHP Billiton's environmental monitoring programs at the Ekati Mine and the Agency's work. There was time for questions. We had a good discussion about the effects of the mine and about planning for closure and reclamation.



Chairperson Bill Ross at Community Open House



The Agency heard concerns about how caribou move through the mine site. BHP Billiton has made some improvements by changing the fence around the airport to make it more visible to wildlife. The company needs to do more work on what effects Ekati is having on caribou.

The Agency was asked if we work on the Diavik Mine. We do not work on Diavik, but the Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board, our sister group, does. We cooperate with them whenever we can.

Questions were asked about the health effects of dust on mine workers. The Agency committed to pass this concern on to government.

Community members would like to see more Dene people working at the mine and on the environment.



Community Open House

## Visit to Mezi Community School

When the Agency visits communities, we go to the schools to discuss our work, the Ekati Mine and related environmental issues. During our visit to Whati, Agency Directors gave a presentation to a large group of high school students at Mezi Community School.

We were very impressed with the students and the interest they showed in environmental issues. We encouraged the students to finish their education. We also talked about the potential for employment in the environmental field.



Agency Directors visit Mezi Community School