



July 09, 2020

Dr. Kathleen Racher  
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Dear Dr. Racher:

**Giant Mine Oversight Board Annual Report 2019**

Thank you for meeting with Minister Nokleby and myself on June 25, 2020. We are appreciative of you taking the time to present the details of the Giant Mine Oversight Board (GMOB) 2019 Annual Report, including the specific recommendations. As a co-proponent, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) will provide input into the detailed Giant Mine Remediation Project Team's (Project Team) formal response to the recommendations.

The GNWT agrees that the Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP) is an opportunity for significant social and economic benefits to Indigenous, northern and local people. We continue to work together with our Indigenous governments and organizations (IGOs) and stakeholders to successfully implement the GMRP *Socio-economic Benefits Strategy*, and subsequent *Implementation Plan*.

The GNWT and the Government of Canada (Canada) have worked together to carry out a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) on legacy contamination in the recreational and traditional use areas around Yellowknife, Ndilø and Dettah. Engagement with communities on the draft results are scheduled to occur during the fall/winter of 2020. ENR and the Department of Health and Social Services are also leading work to develop communication materials to help better inform the public of the arsenic risks in the Yellowknife area.

I continue to encourage the ongoing dialogue between GMOB and the Project Team, as your input contributes to the delivery of a successful project.

Sincerely,

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Minister  
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