

NORTHWEST  
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WATER BOARD



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WATER REGISTER: N7-1-1769

October 9, 2001

Mr. Toshi Hirata  
Vice President-Operations  
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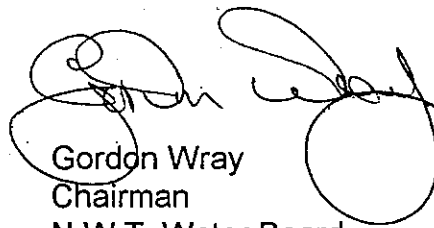
Dear Mr. Hirata:

**LEVEL I ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING**

Pursuant to Section 5 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (1992), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), on behalf of the Northwest Territories Water Board, has conducted an environmental screening assessment and screening of the undertakings as directed in your Licence application submitted to the Board on April 23, 2001 and received on May 1, 2001.

The Board has decided that the environmental and directly related socio-economic concerns are considered known and mitigable with existing technology and the project may proceed through the licensing process.

Sincerely,



Gordon Wray  
Chairman  
N.W.T. Water Board