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Gentlemen:

Re: Arsenic Storage Basins

Over the past three years we have been looking at ways and means of stabilizing the arsenic trioxide in the Con Arsenic Storage basins. On two occasions during 1978 we made a presentation to the Water Board about our researches and plans.

The problem is a complex one. After quite some deliberation we had come to the conclusion that the best solution would be to cover them up and in our last presentation to the Board we outlined our plans to do this.

Subsequently we have been approached by Giant Yellowknife Mines Limited with a proposal that they may be able to treat our arsenic sludge and sell a pure form of arsenic trioxide. We are very interested in this approach and are pursuing this line of discussion with Giant.

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Because covering the basins would be detrimental to the removal and treatment proposals, we have decided to place a hold on the plans for permanent containment.

We shall keep you informed of developments.

Yours truly, \_\_\_\_\_

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