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Territories Minister of Renewable Resources

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Mr. Kevin Weston
General Manager, NWT
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Dear Mr. Weston:

As you are aware, an investigative report into air pollution from the Royal Oak Giant Yellowknife Mine roaster stack was released by my department in June 1993 in response to a request under the Northwest Territories' *Environmental Rights Act*. Since the release of this report, the Department has undertaken several additional initiatives in an attempt to further this issue. These initiatives include the adoption of an air quality guideline under the *Environmental Protection Act* and initiation of a joint study with Royal Oak to examine options to reduce pollutant levels in Yellowknife. The arsenic and sulphur dioxide monitoring stations first established during the investigation also continue to operate.

I propose that a meeting be convened to discuss these and other actions which the Department of Renewable Resources has taken on this issue. It would be appreciated if you could contact Mr. Emery Paquin, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, to confirm your interest in participating in this meeting. Mr. Paquin may be contacted by telephone at (403) 873-7654.

Sincerely,

Silas Arngna'naaq

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