



April 15, 1996

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Dear Mr. Stard:

Thank you for your letter dated April 11, 1996 regarding the public forum on arsenic in the Yellowknife area. I apologize for not being able to reply to your letter sooner. In the interest of brevity I have responded to your list of questions in point form below.

- A list of the confirmed panel members and their organizational affiliation is appended. I have noted the specific topics each has been asked to address in brackets.
- Each panellist is being asked to speak for 5 minutes. The topic we would like a Royal Oak representative to address would be how the mine currently handles the arsenic it produces as a byproduct of its gold mining operation at the Giant Yellowknife mine.
- We have not invited a representative from Con mine as it is our understanding that this mine has a system for handling arsenic that basically removes any concerns for environmental contamination. Your suggestion of a representative from either Con or the Chamber of Mines is a good one. However, as our panel is already at 6 members, I see a need to keep it from growing too unwieldy.
- I am not aware of any new information that you should be aware of on this subject.

I will be out of the office on Tuesday the 16th and 17th of April but I will be back for the remainder of the week. Please do not hesitate to call me at 920-6552 if there are any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Miriam Wideman  
Branch President

Attach.

**Public Forum on Arsenic  
May 9, 1996  
Panel Members**

**Dr. Andre Corriveau - Medical Officer of Health, Dept. of Health & Social Services, GNWT  
(Effects of arsenic on human health)**

**Laura Johnson - Manager, Yellowknife Office, Environment Canada  
(Federal government's role in the regulation of arsenic)**

**Kevin O'Reilly - Research Officer, Canadian Arctic Resource Committee  
(Effects of arsenic on the environment)**

**Fred Sangris - Land and environment coordinator, Yellowknife B Band  
(Band's concerns regarding arsenic)**

**Emery Paquin - Director, Environmental Protection Division, Renewable Resources, GNWT  
(Ongoing monitoring of ambient arsenic levels)**

**Francis Jackson - Water Resources, DIAND Yellowknife office  
(Review of research done on arsenic in Yellowknife area water )**