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Director General, Medical Services

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FROM  
De  
Northern Region

SUBJECT  
Sujet  
ARSENIC POLLUTION - YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

With reference to your letter of November 26, 1970, I note that a committee has been formed to monitor the arsenic pollution problems in the Yellowknife area and to screen news releases on the matter. I have been receiving at least two telephone calls per week from the C.B.C. and local press in Yellowknife requesting the results of the tests carried out this past summer and I have sent a draft news release to you for necessary approval. I hope the formation of the committee will assist us in obtaining expeditious replies to our enquiries.

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories is also pressing for a copy of Dr. de Villier's report on the survey carried out three years ago and it would be appreciated if the Committee could prepare a suitable reply to the Commissioner on this matter.

I would also welcome information from the committee as to the monitoring procedures they consider necessary during the coming months, e.g.,

- (a) Is it proposed to collect snow samples in the spring from various locations around Yellowknife?
- (b) Is it proposed to collect smoke stack fallout samples from areas around Yellowknife during the winter months?

Any information you could provide on these matters would be appreciated as this subject may be raised at the next Territorial Council Session in February 1971 and I would like to be able to give intelligent answers to legitimate queries.

*[Signature]*  
Regional Director

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