

July 12, 2013

Mr John Mann

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Subject: Request to Participate Submission to the Joint Review Panel DGR / Requests for Preliminary Rulings (dated June 27, 2013)

Dear Mr. Mann,

Please be informed that the Joint Review Panel for the DGR project has accepted your request to participate at the Public Hearing as a registered oral participant. In the coming days, you will receive a notice confirming the Panel's decision.

When reviewing your submission, we noted that interspersed throughout your 12 page submission, you make a number of requests for preliminary rulings. To ensure that all of your requests for preliminary rulings are clearly captured, we ask that you submit to the Panel's Secretariat, as provided in section 4 of the Public Hearing Procedures, a document identifying clearly and separately each preliminary request that you want the Panel to consider. Please note that the request for rulings must be submitted in writing to the Panel no later than July 23, 2013.

Requests for rulings must be in writing and must include the reasons for the ruling sought and the material in support of the request. We have the 6 volumes of material that you have filed as part of your Request to Participate. We are not asking you to resubmit that material. Not all of the materials in the six volumes relate to your requests for rulings. Therefore, what we require is that you identify clearly in your request for preliminary ruling the specific sections or pages of those volumes that you wish to refer to as supporting material for each preliminary ruling request. You can submit additional supporting material as part of your request if necessary.

With regard to the issue that you have raised pertaining to the "SPAM" marking appearing on your submissions, we want to inform you that the Panel directed the Secretariat to request that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, who is responsible for posting submissions on the Project's Registry, remove the label affixed to certain submissions by the security software filter that is part of the information technology services used by the government of Canada. I can inform you that action has been taken and that the Agency will remove the "SPAM" label and any label applied by this software from the subject line of all existing and future records to be posted on the DGR Registry.

On May 24, 2013, a letter was sent to your counsel and a Notice was sent to all interested parties (CEARIS #1084) describing the anti-spam procedures that applies to the Panel's mailbox. It is also my understanding that staff explained to you over the phone, the reason why that label appeared on certain of your submissions and recommended various approaches you could take to avoid triggering the Government of Canada software.

Please be assured that the Panel is aware that the marking was applied automatically by the security software (anti-spam scan) when certain criteria appear in the body of any submission and that it has absolutely no bearing on the content or the consideration given to all submissions received.

Should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Pierre-Daniel Bourgeau at (613) 947-6375 or e-mail him at: Pierre-Daniel.Bourgeau@cnscccsn.gc.ca.

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