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Subject: RE: Proposed Northern Rockies Secure Landfill-- Inadequate Consultation

Hi David,

Thank you for your quick response and request for clarification.

In the spirit of clarity I must highlight that I didn't call your office with the intent of discussing this issue with Lisa Payne. I had returned Lisa's phone call re: the Cabin EAO, and the topic of the CCS working group came up during our conversation.

I appreciate the background information that you provided regarding your attempts to consult with Fort Nelson First Nation. Such background would have come in handy prior to (or at least during) the Working Group meeting.

When consulting with First Nations you must recognize that you are dealing with communities and organizations that do not have the capacity that your organizations take for granted, such as corporate history, strong file management, succession plans etc. Given the high political and employee turnover experienced by many First Nations, your ability to provide such background information in a timely manner is necessary for you to fully and comprehensively consultation with First Nations.

That said, the pertinent document that was not included in the January 14, 2009 working group meeting is the July 14, 2008 letter addressed to you, from the Treaty 8 Aboriginal Environmental Group, re: Proposed Northern Rockies Secure Landfill – Inadequate Consultation. This letter highlights several concerns about the CCS consultations, which were brought up at a Working Group meeting held in Fort Nelson. Namely; insufficient capacity (in response to the \$11,800 offered to each community by the proponent, which FNFN has accepted since the Jan 14, 09 meeting); sharp dealings; bad faith consultation; and untimely consultations.

I feel that this letter should have been brought to my attention during the working group meeting on Jan 14, 09.

However, what's done is done. The only redress is to note in your Assessment report both the TAEG concerns as described in the July 14, 2008 letter and FNFN concerns regarding inadequate consultation in this case.

I'll let you discuss with West Moberly the issue of whether or not you knew of their concerns and their consultation protocol in regards to other Treaty 8 First Nations and the EAO process.

It is my hope that we can address the standing issues so that we do not run into the same problems during the Cabin (Horn River) EAO.

Regards,

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