

EIS Conference: Assessing the sufficiency of information to proceed to public hearings

June 10, 2005

To those Interveners planning to participate in the EIS Conference:

Re: EIS Conference Agenda

We enclose for your reference the agenda for the EIS Conference on June 26-29, 2005.

The purpose of the EIS Conference is to advise the Joint Review Panel on the sufficiency of information to proceed to the public hearing phase of the review of the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project.

The conference will provide an opportunity for participants to comment on the sufficiency of information on the Public Registry to proceed to public hearings.

The Joint Review Panel staff and the independent conference facilitator have focused the scope of the conference agenda based on:

- advice received from the participants in the Inuvik planning meeting,
- candidate issues identified by Interveners,
- topics distilled from Information Requests and
- items of interest to the Joint Review Panel.

The participants in the conference working sessions, each of which will be held in plenary, will be invited to address the sufficiency of information to proceed to hearings. Participants are encouraged to respond to the following questions on each session topic:

1. What is your assessment of the sufficiency of information filed on the public record regarding this issue? Why?
2. What, if any, additional information is required? Is that information currently available and, if so, how should it be obtained?

The conference is not a forum for the debate of technical matters raised in the proceedings. These matters will be addressed more fully in the public hearings.

The conference agenda is designed to balance socio-economic and biophysical topics, addressing sufficiency of information issues of interest to a wide range of conference participants.

We look forward to seeing you at the EIS Conference. If you require more information about the conference, please go to www.jointreviewpanel.ca or contact Paula Pacholek, Panel Manager (867) 678-8604, or pacholekp@jointreviewpanel.ca.