

Yukon Environmental & Socioeconomic Assessment Act Decision Document

This document meets the Yukon government's requirements as a Decision Body as set out in the *Yukon Environmental & Socioeconomic Assessment Act*

Decision Document Issued By:

YG Decision Body:	YG - EMR Lands Branch, Land Use <i>[where applicable]</i>
Federal Decision Body(ies):	<i>[where applicable]</i>
First Nation Decision Body(ies):	<i>[where applicable]</i>

Project:

Project Name :	Permafrost Research Borehole – Mt. Granger	YESAA File Number 2008-0207
Proponent Name:	Antoni Lewkowicz	
<p>Project Description: The purpose of the proposed project is to drill a borehole approximately 50-100 m deep on the summit of Mt. Granger to permit long term monitoring of changes in temperatures within permafrost. The proposed drilling will occur late September 2008 while the weather and permafrost monitoring stations will remain at the site long term.</p> <p>Project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sling heli-portable drill rig from Mt. Sima to and from site using 5-6 lifts; - drill borehole approximately 50-100 m deep and case hole with PVC tubing over a period of seven days; - install a small climate station, cable and datalogger to monitor permafrost in borehole; - if required, restore ground surface during the summer of 2009; - site visits as required for maintenance and; - if removal is required, dig down to bottom of the active layer, cut and remove tubing, backfill area and remove weather station. 		

Other Decision Bodies

Other Decision Body Consultation:	<i>[list decision bodies consulted where applicable]</i>
Consolidated Decision Document:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>[list decision bodies consolidated with where applicable]</i>

Non-Self Governing First Nations

Non-self governing First Nation Consultation:	<i>[list First Nation consulted where applicable]</i>
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Decision

Pursuant to ss. 75, 76 and 80, the Yukon government has considered the YESAA Assessment and:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	a) Accepts the following recommendation:
<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Rejects the following recommendation for the following reason(s):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>c) Varies the following recommendation as follows for the reason(s) specified: <u>Yukon Government accepts the following conditions:</u> 1. Where conditions permit, the helicopter is to remain 600 m above ground level over caribou, sheep and other wildlife, except during takeoff and landing. 2. Where conditions permit, helicopter activity shall be avoided within one (1) km of sheep or caribou activity.</p> <p><u>Yukon Government varies by adding the following condition:</u> The Proponent shall, at least 10 days in advance of the project activities, contact Yukon Government Department of Environment to confirm the proposed timing of activities, including a flight plan/schedule, such that sheep hunting permit holders can be notified of the activities to avoid potential land use conflicts.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> Two thimhorn sheep hunting permits are issued annually to Yukon residents in this area. To prevent potential negative impacts to other users in the area, sheep permit holders should be contacted about proponent's activities.</p>

Dates

Project Recommendation Issued: September 9, 2008	Decision Document Issued: September 24, 2008
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Recommendation Received From:

Designated Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Location: Whitehorse
Executive Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Panel	<input type="checkbox"/>	a) Panel of the YESAB
	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) CEAA Panel
	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Joint Panel (YESAB and other assessment body)

Authorization

By signing below, the Yukon government has exercised its authority as per YESAA s. 75 or s. 76 to issue a decision document on this project.

Name: Marg White Position: Manager, Land Use

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Original signed by Marg White, Manager, Land Use

Copies Forwarded to (as required by YESAA):

- Other Decision Bodies _____
- Project Proponent Antoni Lewkowicz
- DAP Branch, Executive Council Office _____
- YESAB Designated Office Whitehorse
- YESAB Executive Committee _____
- Minister Environment (Canada) _____
- Yukon Surface Rights Board _____
- Yukon Water Board _____
- Land Use Planning Commission: _____
- Independent Regulatory Agency _____
- Other Body/Person as Required _____