

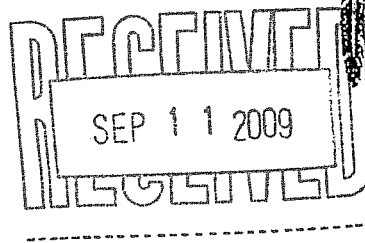
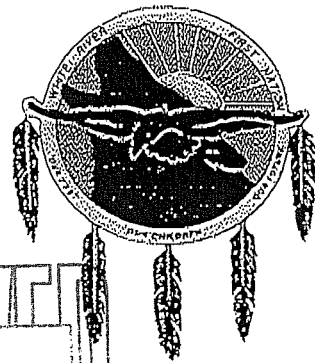
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RE: Amendments to Yukon's Oil and Gas Act

The Yukon Government wants to change the Yukon Oil and Gas Act. One of the proposed amendments may affect White River First Nation directly. Yukon Government wants to repeal (remove) Section 13 from the existing Oil and Gas Act. Section 13 currently states:

"Subject to section 14, before the effective date of Yukon First Nation's Final Agreement, the Minister shall not;

- a) issue new dispositions having locations in the traditional territory of the Yukon First Nation; or
- b) issue licences authorizing any oil and gas activity in the traditional territory of the Yukon First Nation, without consent of the Yukon First Nation."

So the existing law says Yukon Government cannot allow oil and gas activity on the traditional territory of a First Nation without a land claim without first consent of that First Nation. Yukon Government wants to completely remove this section, and therefore remove their legal obligation to obtain consent.

The removal of Section 13 of the Yukon's Oil and Gas Act takes away some of the rights retained by White River First Nation that we retain by not signing land claims.

White River First Nation does not and will not agree to such an amendment to the YTG Oil and Gas Act.

Please contact the White River First Nation Natural Resource Officer to set a date to discuss our concerns in person.

Thank you,

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Executive Director

cc WRFN Natural Resource Officer; Glenn Stephen