

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

To Ron Sumanik and Deb Wortley,

Thank you for meeting with representatives of the Yukon Conservation Society to discuss the proposed changes to the Oil and Gas Act one day earlier than previously scheduled.

Our meeting is now scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, from 9am to 11am. We would like to go through the summary document and all the proposed legislative changes to ensure we fully understand them and their implications.

As discussed, here is a summary of some of our specific concerns to help you prepare for our meeting.

- proposal to repeal Section 13 Consent of First Nations and the reference to common law.
- proposal to amend Section 66 Financial Responsibility and the difference between suspending or terminating the licence, versus suspending or terminating *activities authorized* by the licence.
- proposal to repeal Section 67 Environmental Assessment and the possibility of licences being issued prior to YESAB reviews.
- proposal to amend Section 69 Land Surface Access and Section 70 Acquisition of land and implications of these changes for private property owners.
- Impacts of legislative changes on existing regulations and yet to be developed regulations.

Could you please have a couple of hard copies of the current Oil and Gas Act for us to reference during the meeting. If you don't have printed copies in your office let us know and we will bring a computer.

In advance of our meeting, if you feel there is any information that might help us better understand the proposed changes or if there are any particular sections that you think may be of interest to YCS please let us know.

We look forward to meeting with you next Tuesday.

Sincerely,

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