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Dear Ms Atkinson:

Comments on the Draft Drilling and Production Regulations

Further to correspondence of April 5, 2007, and subsequent conversations with the National Energy Board, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed draft *Drilling and Production Regulations* (the Regulations) under the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act*. The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has reviewed the proposed Regulations as well as other stakeholder comments. While we have not submitted comments at this time, we are generally supportive of the overall move to a goal-oriented approach.

That being said, the GNWT wishes to remain engaged in the development of the proposed regulations and would appreciate an opportunity to receive any subsequent consultation drafts. Further, it is our understanding that Guidance Documents on the Regulations will be prepared following the finalization of the draft Regulations. It is also our understanding that the development of the Guidance Documents will include public consultation, and that the GNWT will be invited to participate. We look forward to providing our comments within that process.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. David Hastings, Senior Advisor, Legislation and Legal Affairs with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment. Mr. Hastings can be reached at your convenience at (867) 920-6392 or at david_hastings@gov.nt.ca.

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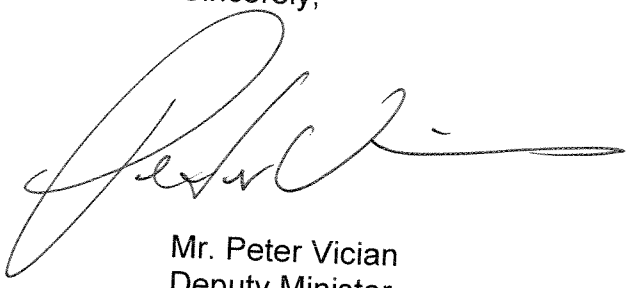
I thank you again for the opportunity to review these draft regulations.

Sincerely,



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