

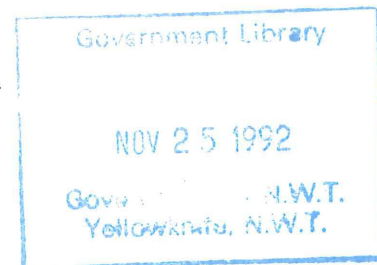


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Mr. Ludy Pudluk, MLA  
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Dear Ludy:

I am enclosing a letter that I sent to the Chairman of the Workers' Compensation Board. You can see that we are paying much more than our fair share of the costs of operating the compensation system.

All I am looking for is a system for setting Assessment Rates that recognizes our good safety performance. The WCB Board should use a system such as "Merit Rebate and Super Assessment" which would reward the companies with a good safety record by having lower rates, but penalize those with a poor safety record by increased rates.

The Workers' Compensation Board ignores the fact that at Polaris Mine Cominco provides high quality medical facilities and nursing staff; Cominco pays the full cost of all medivacs; there are six full time safety and training officers employed at the mine; approximately 80% of our employees have been trained in St. John's Standard First Aid by Cominco instructors; we maintain three fully qualified mine rescue teams and a fully equipped fire brigade. Cominco also has a full Safety Program in operation with an active, effective employee Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

I would appreciate it if you could bring my concerns to the attention of the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A.J. Keen,  
Manager,  
Polaris Operations.

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cc: T. Hoefler, NWT Chamber of Mines

