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Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

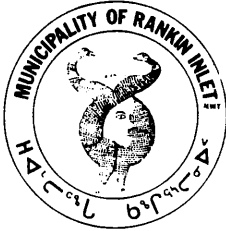
The Hamlet Council of Rankin Inlet have reviewed a copy of your letter of January 18th sent to Ms. Leslie Huget.

We would like to ask for your clarification of the following questions:

- a) Why is a tailings pond classified under sanitation Regulations?
- b) At what location does the 450m measurement commence?
- c) If there is no health affects of the tailings pond (as outlined in letter Cournoyea/Russell attached) why is there this restriction to an area that is further away?

We as a Council are very concerned, as the area you are restricting is our only area developed for residential use. When the subdivision design was circulated to various government agencies for comments, two years ago, there was no indication we would be confronting such an issue. Our main concern is that we will be losing construction of 6 residential units this year, which in Rankin is a serious issue. We would like confirmation as to whether this site is in a risk area or not. We do not wish to place our residents in any risk whatsoever, and we do not want to lose the housing for this year to find out next year that there is no risk.


We are assuming that the 450m was taken from the limit of what was proposed as the flooding option. The Council is leaning towards a burial option, but the actual reclamation design is unknown at this time.



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We would ask that you respond to these questions at your earliest convenience as many departments are being affected.


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