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File: EGM-2014-00105

April 2, 2015

Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Energy and Mines (Core Review). Your request is for:

A list of mine tailing ponds in BC by name, type location, including whether they are active or closed; The most recent provincial inspections for these tailings ponds, including any orders/advisories against them, and any issues of non-compliance; Briefing notes to Minister Bill Bennett on failure of the Mount Polley tailings pond dam; Copy of report on Mount Polley tailings pond based on mines ministry inspection in Sept 2013; Minister Bill Bennett's emails related to the failure of the Mount Polley tailing pond from August 1 to 7, 2014.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request and information on how to access records which are available publically. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

In addition to the enclosed records, please be advised that:

- All of the mines in BC with tailings ponds are listed on the website linked below. This includes the name, type, location, status (active or closed), most recent inspection, and the Chief Inspector's response including any orders if they were issued:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=9F8D3F4D2F264F7FA278B528D2F08432>

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- A copy of the report on Mount Polley tailings pond is publically available within the supporting information/background information section of the website linked below. To access it you will need to search for document MP00182 Geotechnical Inspection Report:

<https://www.mountpolleyreviewpanel.ca/>

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Gerry Edwards, the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 356-9153. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to (250) 356-9153.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,



Kris Ghag, Manager
Resource Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.