



ARCS: 292-30
File: EGM-2016-60071

October 25, 2016

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 and Minister Responsible for Core Review. Your request is for:

Any communications and correspondence between Mount Polley Mining Corporation - Imperial Metals - and the Ministry of Environment, Chief Inspector of Mines, and the Ministry of Energy & Mines regarding a water discharge permit that was requested by the company for the Mount Polley mine in 2006, specifically: documentation that would include the original water discharge permit that was requested in 2006, and any subsequent communication or correspondence that might explain the delay in approving the permit – for example - any follow-up letters from either the company or the Chief Inspector of Mines or the Ministry of Energy & Mines to or from the Ministry of Environment with respect to the request for a water discharge permit, and any communications from the Ministry of Environment that might explain why the permit was not granted until 2012; any communication that would have followed a subsequent request for an amendment to the original permit. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2006 To 01/07/2016)

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Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party) and 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

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

As you may already be aware, the Mount Polley Independent Expert Engineering Investigation and Review Panel delivered its final report and recommendations to the Minister of Energy and Mines on January 30, 2015. The full report, appendices, and supporting information which may be of interest to you are publically available here: <https://www.mountpolleyreviewpanel.ca/>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Tyler Barbon, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2328. 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 778 698-2328.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Barbon', with a stylized, flowing script.

Tyler Barbon, FOI Analyst
On behalf of Ken Bejcek, 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.