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File: MOE-2017-73406

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Sent via email

**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 Environment and Climate Change Strategy. Your request is for:

*Records pertaining to the HB Mine near Salmo, BC, including production records, mine and mill operations, composition and volume of tailings, changes in ore body and any spills or seepage events that occurred related to Mines Permit M85; Records pertaining to the HB tailings pond and effluent channel including dates of construction, maintenance and spill pertaining to PE-1853. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/1950 To 12/01/1997)*

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 14 (Legal advice), 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. Information that is available for purchase by the public has been removed pursuant to section 3(1)(j) of FOIPPA. You can purchase the records at:

<https://ltsa.ca/>

A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00)

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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](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation)

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Evan Lévesque, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2329. 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 778 698-2329.

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,

Evan Lévesque, Senior 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.