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Dear Regulators,

RE: Concerns about horizontal hydraulic fracturing (fracking) application

I am writing to urge you to require an environmental assessment of Husky Oil Operations Ltd's application to the Sahtu Land and Water Board for a license to carry out fracking exploration in the Sahtu region.

I am very concerned about the impacts of fracking on the health of our water, land, wildlife, climate, people and communities. I am aware that many others were so concerned about fracking that a petition was tabled in the Legislative Assembly in March, 2014, signed by 790 people from all over the NWT, including all Sahtu communities. This petition called for authorities to require that any land or water use applications involving fracking be evaluated through a full environmental assessment. In particular, I have the following concerns:

- I am not familiar with the new kind of fracking, but I know it is banned in many places in the world.
- Fracking pollutes a huge amount of water, and we don't know how to clean the water afterwards.
- In other places, fracking brought lots of alcohol, illegal drugs and crime with it. We don't have a plan to deal with an increase in these social problems.
- Fracking means transporting very poisonous water and explosive fuel products on our highways and the Mackenzie River, going right through many of our communities.
- Leaks from fracked oil wells may cause pollution of surface water, especially as the wells age.
- Fracking and flaring of gas add to greenhouse gas emissions and terrible damage to our climate.
- More evidence is becoming known about negative impacts that fracking can have on human health.
- All of these concerns together add up to more costs to people and the land, and outweigh benefits.
- The first fracking application should have gone through environmental assessment to educate people about what is involved. Governments across Canada from Yukon to Newfoundland have put a hold on fracking so that people could discuss and debate it. We should do this, too - now.

I have very serious concerns about fracking and the impacts it will have. Please do the right thing and refer this and any more fracking applications to a full environmental assessment. We need to protect our families, our people and our land.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Address: