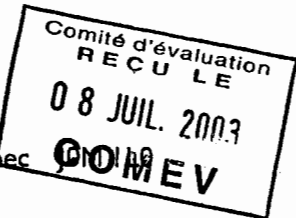




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Comments By Dollian Georgekish:

Re: Draft Directives of the EM1A-Rupert Diversion Project

I am concerned about conditions along the trans-tiaga road (James Bay – LG4 road) and gravel roads branching off from that road.

My concern is that dust is accumulated along the trees and vegetation on the side of the road. I am sure Hydro Quebec has made enough over the years to change the situation or maybe even pave the road.

With respect to other access roads, it has been known that Hydro still uses these roads. Again Hydro has made enough to maintain these access roads. Failure to maintain has caused blocked culverts resulting in environmental damage. Example of that is submerged trees and vegetation due to high water levels. Also, the advantage would be that trappers could have access to their traplines if road maintenance was done once in awhile.

Comments by George Stewart:

Re: Draft Directives-EM1A-Rupert Diversion

My observations since hydro development are that ice conditions have changed along the James Bay coast. When travel was by dog teams, the preferred route was along the cracks in the ice because this is where the ice was thick. Since course of travel was on a straight line, one could jump from one sheet of ice to the other because these ice cracks were clearly distinguishable. Today, these ice features are not the same as before, creating hazardous conditions for inexperienced travelers. The ice cracks are usually covered by unstable ice or frozen snow, which hides the hard ice. In this instance one could never be sure if he crossing where the ice is hard.

Warmer water temperature has also added to earlier break-up or thaw of ice. There is no frost on the ice anymore. Frost made it possible to travel in the earlier parts of the day. Ice just seems to melt away. There are no icebergs or piles of ice that use to be a common site along the coast.

Comments by Jimmy Georgekish

Re: Draft Directives of the EM!A-Rupert Diversion Project

My concerns are why should the Rupert River be diverted to flood more land. In the Bible, God said that he would not flood the land anymore. My concerns are that, if there is further flooding of the land, the structures of HQ will be unstable and have the potential to create a disaster in the territory. An example of nature answering back is that of the Ice Storm.