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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

This is in response to your request sent on December 7, 2020 seeking information from the Department of National Defence (DND) that may support the planning and development of a regional assessment for the Ring of Fire area in northern Ontario.

Based on the information requested and considering DND's mandate, we do not believe DND has a significant role in the development of the regional assessment, nor do we believe that DND has a regulatory role in relation to any of the activities or physical works that would be considered in this area. In regards to programs or initiatives undertaken by DND within the general area identified on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry, the Canadian Army does undertake activities through the 3 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group as well as a Junior Ranger camp near Geraldton, Ontario.

Between 2009-2017, on behalf of the federal government, DND did provide support to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF) in the clean-up of 11 former Mid-Canada Line Radar sites. DND would have some information in relation to this work, however it is recommended that OMNRF would be the best source of information, should it be considered relevant to the assessment.

Although DND has a limited role to play in the planning and design of the regional assessment, we would appreciate receiving communications regarding the progress of the assessment. The departmental point of contact for any future communications has been provided in the attachment enclosed with this letter.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Rob Chambers

Enclosure

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**Regional Assessment Ring of Fire Area
Federal Authority Input**

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