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**To:** Employment and Social Development Canada; Environment and Climate Change Canada; Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Health Canada; Indigenous Services Canada; Natural Resources Canada; Transport Canada; Women and Gender Equality

Dear Colleagues:

**Subject: Federal Authority Advice Record for the Black Bear Power Plant Project**

On May 2, 2024, the Government of Canada tabled proposed amendments to the *Impact Assessment Act (IAA)* through the *Budget Implementation Act, 2024, No. 1*, to respond to the Supreme Court of Canada's decision regarding the constitutionality of the IAA. We would like to inform you that on June 20, 2024, the *Budget Implementation Act, 2024, No. 1* received Royal Assent and the amended IAA came into force.

On July 4, 2024, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) received the Initial Project Description for the Black Bear Power Plant Project (the Project) from Kiwetinohk Energy Corp. (the Proponent). On July 25, 2024, the Initial Project Description was published on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site (the Registry). A 20-day public comment period is scheduled from July 25, 2024, to August 14, 2024. During this period, the public, Indigenous peoples, and other jurisdictions are invited to comment on the Summary of the Initial Project Description.

In parallel with this public comment period, IAAC has convened a Federal Review Team for the Project, made up of representatives of the federal authorities involved, and will be developing a project-specific work plan that sets out the required tasks, deliverables, and timelines.

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IAAC is seeking input from your department or agency to advise on:

- your responsibilities and expertise with respect to the Project;
- key issues within your department's or agency's mandate and expertise that may be relevant to the Project's impact assessment process, should an impact assessment be required; and
- any clarifications or additional information the Proponent could provide to inform the next steps in the process.

Attached is the form entitled Federal Authority Advice Record, which IAAC requests your department or agency to complete and return to IAAC by August 14, 2024, so that it can be posted on the Registry. Your department or agency is encouraged to provide as much detail as possible in its description of key issues and clarifications or additional information that the proponent may provide. You are also encouraged to provide a brief summary of each issue for inclusion in the Summary of Issues that IAAC will forward to the Proponent following the public comment period.

The information submitted to IAAC in the Federal Authority Advice Record will be made public on the Registry (Reference #88747). Please do not include any information that cannot be shared publicly. IAAC's [Submission Policy](#) describes examples of private or confidential information that should not be included.

If you have any questions regarding the impact assessment process or the response form, please do not hesitate to contact me at [BlackBear@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:BlackBear@iaac-aeic.gc.ca) or 587-545-4625.

Sincerely,

*<Transmitted electronically>*

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Enclosure:

- 1) Federal Authority Advice Record