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## **Environmental Impact Assessment Required**

Dear Mr. Mallyon,

Further to the project information submitted on your behalf by Mike Bartlett on September 29, 2014, I wish to advise you that the proposed Grassy Mountain Coal Project is a mandatory activity pursuant to Schedule 1 (g) of the *Environmental Assessment (Mandatory and Exempted Activities)* Regulation. Riversdale is required, pursuant to section 44(1)(a) of the *Environmental Protection* and Enhancement Act (EPEA), to prepare and submit an environmental impact assessment (EIA) report for this project. The EIA report is to be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Division 1 of Part 2 of EPEA.

If you have any questions or require further direction about the environmental assessment process, please e-mail <u>AEREnvironmental.Assessment@aer.ca</u>.

At this time I would recommend you contact Shauna Sigurdson (780-495-2236) or (780) 495-2037 with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to discuss the potential submission of a federal project description and any federal environmental assessment requirements under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012.

As you are aware, section 3 of Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development's Government of Alberta's Guidelines on Consultation with First Nations on Land and Natural Resource Management applies to this project and you are required to submit a First Nations Consultation Plan to the department. I understand you are already working with your Consultation Advisor, Magdalena Jordan and we look forward to receiving the approved Plan once it is completed.

Sincerely,

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