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Dear Mr. LaFleur:

Further to your letter of November 8, 2010, I wish to advise you that the proposed Robb Trend is a mandatory activity pursuant to Schedule 1(g) of the *Environmental Assessment (Mandatory and Exempted Activities) Regulation*. Coal Valley Resources Inc. 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 contact Corinne Kristensen at (780) 427-9116.

At this time I would recommend you contact Margaret Fairbairn (780-495-2236) with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to identify any potential federal triggers (including those under the *Fisheries Act* and *Navigable Waters Protection Act*) and thus any federal environmental assessment requirements under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Sincerely,



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