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Dear Mr. Demchuk:

Further to your email of February 28, 2011, I wish to advise you that the proposed Pelican Lake Grand Rapids Project is a mandatory activity pursuant to Schedule 1(j) of the *Environmental Assessment (Mandatory and Exempted Activities) Regulation*. Cenovus Energy 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*.

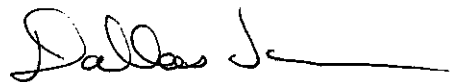
In addition, please note that Alberta Environment's section (Part III) of *Alberta's First Nation Consultation Guidelines on Land Management and Resource Development* will apply to this project. The full Guidelines can be found on the Alberta Aboriginal Relations' website at <http://www.aboriginal.alberta.ca/571.cfm>.

If you have any questions about the First Nations consultation process, please contact Drea Wonnacott at (780) 422-7028.

If you have any questions or require further direction about the Environmental Assessment process please contact Margot Trembath at (780) 422-9727.

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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