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Ms. Heather Bourassa  
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Dear Ms. Bourassa:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board's preparation for a tri-partite meeting on July 11-12, 2012. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada is working with other federal departments on a coordinated response to the revision document. However, such a review requires more time than provided, and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada cannot commit to the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board's time line. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada requests that the meeting be held in early September to allow for a more constructive federal review. Since the draft Sahtu Land Use Plan is nearing approval stage, it is critical that this review be as thorough as possible.

I look forward to the continued collaboration between our staff and the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board in moving toward approval of a Final Draft Sahtu Land Use Plan. If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Marc Lange, Manager, Environment and Conservation Division by phone at (867) 669-2588 or by email at [marc.lange@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:marc.lange@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca)).

Sincerely,

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