May 4, 2016

Dear [Redacted]: s.40(1)

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (File # NR-019-2016)

This is to confirm that on April 19, 2016, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

Any records or information concerning "permafrost" or "frozen ground" in Labrador.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources to provide access to the requested information.

During our processing of this request searches identified numerous results from Federal publications accessible via the NL Geofile database. The link below will assist you if you are interested in these publications.

http://gis.geosurv.gov.nl.ca/ minesen/geofiles/default.asp

The only other reference to “permafrost” in our records was found on a single page in the Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Vosley’s Bay Rehabilitation and Closure Plan. This page has been provided with some content redacted as it is non-responsive to your request.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:
You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the letter posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at 709-729-1651 or by email at reneependergast@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Reéé Pendergast
ATIPP Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources
4.4.1.2 Clearing and Grubbing

In areas where permafrost is encountered, disturbance of the organic mat will be minimized or avoided. Burning of slash will only take place in areas where subsidence due to ground thawing is not anticipated. Tops and limbs (brush) can be lopped and scattered, windrowed along the sides of the right-of-way, or piled for burning. When crossing bogs and wet areas, brush may be spread on the right-of-way before fill is dumped. Construction equipment will not operate outside the designated rights-of-way and clearing boundaries.