December 19, 2014

Dear: [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) [Our File SNL-026-2014]:

On November 24, 2014 Service NL received your request for access to the following records:

"Regulatory compliance request for residential property of 70 Power’s Road, Goulds. Requesting any information that your department would have on file for this site regarding: (1) past and present environmental permits issued for that property; (2) chemical spills and/or leaks at the property; (3) the presence, specifications, and permitting of fuel storage tanks (above and below ground); (4) historical uses of this property that may have impacted the property's present environmental condition (e.g. landfill, storage tank, farm, etc.); (5) non-compliance issues of an environmental nature regarding this property; and (6) other environmental issues that may have impacted the property's conditions."

Service NL officials conducted a thorough search of our files for records matching the information you described. However, our files indicate that Service NL has no records responsive to your request.

Further to your request, please be advised that Service NL’s Government Services Centres assists consultants on a regular and routine basis in completing property file searches for environmental compliance purposes. As such, requests of this nature should be made directly to the Government Services Centre staff and I am pleased to inform you that Access to Information requests are not necessary for the staff to assist you. This is in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Act:

Section 3(2) “This Act does not replace other procedures for access to information or limit access to information that is not personal information and is available to the public.”

Please contact your local Government Services Centre at the following with your file search requests. A list of contact information for Government Service Centres can be found at the following link:

http://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/department/contact.html
Section 43 of the Act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
34 Pippy Place
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

Please be advised that this response 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 time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the ATIPP Coordinator by telephone at 709-729-7437 or by email ellenhaskell@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

LEIGH PUDDESTER
Deputy Minister