

May 31, 2019

Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-104-2019)

On May 28, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

For 2018 how many Junior Exploration Assistance Grants were applied for, how many were approved and what was the total value of the assistance provided?

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to the requested information. The questions and answers are as follows:

- 1. For 2018 how many Junior Exploration Assistance Grants were applied for?**
35 companies submitted letters of intent and five of those companies submitted a second letter of intent for an additional project.
- 2. How many were approved?**
Details of grants approved and amounts can be found at:
https://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/mines/exploration/mip/Junior_Exploration_Assistance_Rebate_Amounts.pdf
- 3. And what was the total value of the assistance provided?**
See Answer 2.

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:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

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 Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 709-729-0463 or rhynes@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator