

**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**ENERGY AND MINERALS DIVISION**  
**REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 1999**

## ISSUES UPDATE

### Environment:

- Carolin
- Ladner Creek (Cranbrook Region) - Inadequate care and maintenance of tailings dam (and mine) for a number of years is now a concern to MEM. Although dam appears to be in good condition MEM may be required to permanently decommission the dam next year. (Mines)

### Exploration:

- Wingdam: (Prince George Region) Owners of the property (Goldridge Resources) are proposing summer exploration and clean-up program. Potential for underground exploration program. (Mines)

### First Nations:

- Esketemc: The Band Manager for Alkali Lake Band has expressed concerns about mining in general, and specifically: Blackdome, Pellaire, Prosperity, and International Jaguar's exploration program. Meeting set for August 5th to improve the relationship and correct misinformation. (Mines)
- Several oil and gas sale parcels have been withdrawn from the August '99 disposition based on a request from the West Moberly First Nation to allow for further consultation. (PLA)

### Health and Safety:

- Kemess: An investigation and Dangerous Occurrence report into a worker reporting unsafe conditions has been required by the District Inspector. Worker reported to a OHSC co-chair that he was told to ignore an unsafe condition. (Mines)
- Mt. Polley: Dangerous Occurrence in mill on July 22, involved an electrician who tried to move a "hot" welding cable that was pinched under an outrigger of a backhoe. Worker was ambulatory and sent to Williams Lake hospital for observation. Incident under investigation. (Mines)