

Quet
886709

926/9W

926NE027

TGS → Reg. My
- Nanaiv

Schroeter, Tom EM:EX

From: Hall, Ted EM:EX
Sent: Friday, August 06, 1999 11:33 AM
To: Adams, Rick; Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Beswick, Ed; Booth, Richard; Braidwood, Brian; Brown, Derek; Carriere, Greg; Carter, Tom; Castillo, Talitha; Cheetham, Pat; Conte, Rick; Curtis, Ross; Eaton, Tim; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; German, Gerald; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Hoffman, Al; Jakobsen, Dorthe; Jorgensen, Sharon; Koncohrada, Karen; Lefebure, Dave; Lewis, Jim; Logan, Claudia; Ludwig, Allan; Lunam, Charene; McArthur, Gib; McKillop, Greg; McLaren, Graeme; Phelan, Bill; Pinsent, Robert; Rennie, Lorna; Schmitt, Rolf; Schroeter, Tom; Smyth, Ron; Starkes, Terri; Stewart, Linda; Taje, Eddy; Whale, Andrew; White, Don; Wishlow, Wayne
Subject: Southwest Region Update - August 6, 1999
Sensitivity: Private

NEW ISSUES:

- LMMDRC has targetted August 20th for issuance of conditional MELP and MEM permits for the Britannia water treatment plant and contaminated soils landfill, in spite of opposition from some local governments, the MLA and the Environmental Mining Council. Further stakeholder participation will be provided during detailed design and permitting stages through establishment of a Public Advisory Committee.
- A permit for the Englishman Aggregates gravel pit was issued by the Chief Inspector today. This decision follows more than four year's of government review and public consultation. The Chief Inspector has concluded, based on the report of the VIMDRC, that the proposed pit is environmentally safe and that outstanding noise issues can be addressed through on-site monitoring. A communications strategy has been developed to respond to expected media and public reaction.

QUET!
(Hot Springs)

Chilliwack Forest District have frustrated reclamation efforts at the Hot Springs Mineral Property of Homegold Resources near Harrison Lake by removing a bridge from Simpson Creek. There was no consultation with MEM or the company prior to bridge removal.

QUET

FYI:

- MEM tabled an interest statement at the Callaghan/Olympic Planning Team meeting this week. The process has been slowed by the absence of representation by the Olympic Bid Committee, and is further complicated by a Squamish First Nation claim to the area of the proposed alpine ski venues.
- The Central Coast LRMP process is beginning to move with initial identification of "resource interactive area" polygons by the IPT this week. Mineral resource values have been recognized in all of the RIA's.
- MEM, MELP and BCAL have agreed that the Pitt River gravel pit application will be subjected to an enhanced review process to be conducted under the direction of the Environmental Assessment Office. It is anticipated that public consultation and technical review of the pit and barge loadout can be completed by late fall 1999.

ADMIN:

- T. Hall on vacation Aug. 9 to Sept. 7. Al Ludwig is acting Regional Manager during this period.
- All those interested in the Nanaimo Regional Geologist position please watch for the August 13th Postings.

Ted Hall