



Government Leader

Mr. Louis Pilakapsi
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Keewatin Inuit Association
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Dear Mr. Pilakapsi:

Thank you for your letter of February 16, 1990.

We do not take your heart-felt emotions or love of the land lightly in this matter. These will be a major factor in the development of our ultimate decision about the project.

The Government of the Northwest Territories has made a conscious and deliberate decision to not take a position on the Kiggavik project before the FEARO Panel releases its report. The FEARO Review will ensure that all the opinions and technical matters are heard and fully discussed. As the responsible government in the Northwest Territories, we will participate fully in the FEARO hearings.

We will carefully weigh the FEARO Panel recommendations, opinions provided by interested and affected parties and our broad understanding of issues facing the NWT before formulating our position on the project. This government must be seen to be a sound and responsible manager, acting with full knowledge of all the facts.

Yours sincerely;

Dennis Patterson
Government Leader





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Mon, Feb 19, 1990

Hon. Dennis Patterson
Government Leader
Government of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife NWT

Dear Mr. Patterson,

Thank you for your letter of February 16, 1990.

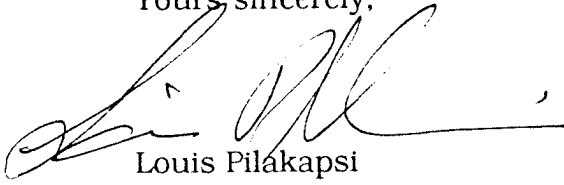
Our opposition to the proposed Kiggavik uranium mine is based, as you suggest, on "heart-felt emotions" and "love of the land." It is also based on careful research, discussions with world-renowned experts, fact-finding trips to existing uranium mines and long conversations with native people living near those existing uranium mines.

Once again you have chosen to **describe** your "conscious and deliberate decision to not take a position on the Kiggavik proposal before the FEARO panel releases its report" instead of to **explain** it.

Perhaps there are reasons why your government's participation in this FEARO review will be so different from its participation in the FEARO review of the proposed pulp and paper mills in northern Alberta. It is clear that you have also made a "conscious and deliberate" decision **not** to explain your reasons to us.

There is apparently no point in continuing correspondence with you on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Pilakapsi', written over a horizontal line.

Louis Pilakapsi
President

cc: KIA delegates
Inuit organizations
members of the Legislative Assembly
Jack Anawak MP
federal minister of DIAND
federal minister of Environment
northern media