



1. Should the A&R Plan be the subject of a (public) review under the NLCA?

In answering this question, please see section 12.4.2 of the NLCA (attached). And, when you review CanZinco's A&R Plan to determine if a public review is required, NIRB must choose from the four decision points of section 12.4.4 of the NLCA, which are:

- No review is required; 12.4.4(a)
- A review *is* required; 12.4.4(b)
- The A&R Plan is not sufficiently developed and should be *returned*; 12.4.4(c) or
- The impacts are unacceptable; the Plan should be modified/abandoned 12.4.4(d)

So, to summarize question 1, do you think a review (public hearing) is required and if so, why? If not, which of the other three procedural options listed above (12.4.4(a)(c) or (d)) would you suggest to the Board, and why?

2. Second, the Board needs to know if there are *any other* relevant permits, certificates, licences, or other government approvals (authorizations) that CanZinco may require to implement the A&R Closure Plan?

To illustrate, there may, or may not, be authorizations required by:

- Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) re habitat alteration or other approvals;
- GN Mine, Health, Safety, re: cessation of Mining Work;
- DIAND, re: letter of clearance of CanZinco's work;
- NRCan and Transport Canada, re: hazardous materials and explosives;
- Etcetera

In short, NIRB's second question for which we need your input, and especially that of the territorial and federal governments, relates to the need to identify any other authorizations required by government that might trigger NIRB's screening jurisdiction. Again, by the word 'authorization' we mean any permit, certificate, licence, or government approval.

Since CanZinco intends to stop mineral production this fall (Sept. 2002, see p. 1-2 of A&R Plan), NIRB would like written replies to these two questions from all parties **on or before April 10, 2002**. In answering these two procedural questions, please review at least Volume 1 of the A&R Plan; it is relatively short and sets out the history including consultations (Chapter 2), Baseline information (Chapter 3), Recent Studies (chapter 5), Closure Activities (Chapter 6), and Community Benefits (Chapter 7). If any person does not have a copy of the A&R Plan, please contact CanZinco immediately at the above address.

Once NIRB has received and reviewed your submissions, NIRB will make a decision under Article 12.4.4 of the NLCA, in writing, and will communicate it to all of you and to Minister Nault, hopefully, by the end of April.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Briscoe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Stephanie Briscoe  
Executive Director

cc. Minister Nault