

May 17, 2011

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Dear Ms. Grant:

**Shell Canada Ltd. Proposed Jackpine Mine Expansion/Pierre River Mine Project
ERCB Application No. 1554388, No. 1554396; EPEA Application No. 001-245358,
No. 005-153125; and Water Act No. 0186157, No. 00245489**

Thank you for your letters dated December 17, 2010 and March 14, 2011. Alberta Environment determined that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report was complete and advised the Energy Resources Conservation Board on October 14, 2010. This followed provincial and federal government departments reviewing the EIA report, Supplemental Information Request responses and other information submitted by Shell Canada. The review of the EIA report and the completeness determination were made having regard to regulatory requirements including the Terms of Reference for preparation of the EIA report. Alberta Environment stands by its EIA report completeness determination.

As part of the Joint Review Panel proceedings for this Project, the Oil Sands Environmental Coalition (OSEC) may have the opportunity to provide submissions, evidence and argument to address any insufficiencies OSEC sees in the information needed for the Joint Review Panel to discharge its mandate.

Alberta Environment encourages OSEC to continue to work with Shell Canada to address OSEC's concerns.

Sincerely,



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cc: S. Flint (AENV)
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