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Garth Pickard, Co-Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Pickard:

Thank you for your June 29, 2016 letter regarding the Yancoal Southey Potash project.

The Government of Saskatchewan has significant experience regulating the potash industry and a strong understanding of the technical and environmental issues surrounding potash mining in the province. The regulatory regime at the provincial and municipal level provides the necessary oversight to ensure potash mines, such as the Yancoal project, proceed in an environmentally responsible manner and in consideration of the socio-economic and cultural issues important to maintaining the quality of life for local residents near such projects. The environmental impact assessment (EIA) process for the Yancoal project has provided interested parties with sufficient opportunity to review project details and provide comment for consideration prior to a decision being made. Based on these factors, it has been determined a public inquiry is not required to inform a decision or identify whether additional requirements should be placed on the company. When the EA process concludes, a decision will be announced and communicated to the public.

Thank you again for your letter and participation in the EIA process for the Yancoal Southey Potash Project. If you have any additional questions, please contact Mr. Brady Pollock, Manager of Applications with our Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch, at (306) 787-7603.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Herb Cox'.

Herb Cox

cc: Brady Pollock, Environmental Assessment and Stewardship, Ministry of Environment