

## NORTHERN BOARDS MEET TO ENHANCE REGULATORY CO-OPERATION

### HEADLINES:

- **NWT Water Board, MVL Water Board and Yukon Water Board Meet**
- **Northern Boards Study the McCrank Report Tabled With Minister Strahl of INAC**

The NWT Water Board (NWTWB), the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) and the Yukon Water Board (YWB) have recently concluded management discussions in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Rudy Cockney, Interim NWT Water Board Chairman, commented: "We are delighted to have expanded our excellent working relationships with the MVLWB now to also include the Yukon Water Board. This collaboration will allow us to better understand issues of mutual importance for the northern boards. These efforts come at a time when all the boards are attempting to better understand their respective challenges and to enhance our co-operative, mutual regulatory efforts in the north."

Mr. Bruce Willis, Chairman, YWB commented: "The Yukon Water Board was delighted to host this



(L-R): Bruce Willis, Chairman YWB, Willard Hagen, Chairman MVLWB, and Rudy Cockney, I/Chairman NWTWB meet in Whitehorse, Yukon

step toward furthering co-operative efforts in the north for a more open, and free, exchange of information on matters jointly concerning the boards." Willard Hagen, Chairman, MVLWB, also noted that: "The MVLWB shares several key projects that are of mutual interest to our Board and the YWB. Through this type of co-operative discussion the boards can learn from their respective experiences. In doing so, we can make plans to deal with regulatory and operational matters that affect all three northern water boards in discharging their regulatory mandates for the north."

## NWTWB Considers McCrank Report

The NWTWB was present on July 17, 2008 for the announcement and release of the report *"Road to Improvement: The Review of Regulatory Systems Across the North"* authored by Mr. Neil McCrank and submitted to INAC Minister Strahl. Rudy Cockney commented: "This is an important contribution to the ongoing debate in the north about regulatory clarity and the achievement of possible new operational efficiencies. These topics have been a matter of interest for the NWTWB for some time. We believe that our recent co-operation agreements with the National Energy Board and the MVLWB are positive steps in the right direction and they highlight the progress that has already been achieved between northern Boards. We have demonstrated the ability and will to work together more effectively. The board will be keenly watching future progress in this regard following the release of the report."

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## MEET THE YELLOWKNIFE STAFF

Since April and June, 2008, the NWTWB has gratefully shared office space with the Northern Gas Project Secretariat in Yellowknife and Inuvik, respectively.



Group pictured at the Yellowknife River. Standing (L-R): NGPS: Bob Turner, Alicia Loomes, Suzane Watkins, Liz Castaneda (NWTWB), Marie-Anick Elie, and Annette Bourgois-Bent and baby Colby. Foreground (L-R): Ron Wallace (NWTWB), Brian Chambers and Dennis LeMoel (NGPS).