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# Notice of Proceeding

## Mackenzie Valley Highway, Government of the Northwest Territories

### RE: Pehdzeh Ki First Nation Request for Ruling

The Mackenzie Valley Review Board received a [Request for Ruling](#)<sup>1,2</sup> on March 17, 2025, from Pehdzeh Ki First Nation asking the Review Board to accept confidential Indigenous Knowledge in written form.

According to the Review Board's [Traditional Knowledge Guidelines](#) (p.10),

*The Review Board shall notify and seek the input of all parties regarding any confidentiality requests prior to making a decision on the request. If confidential status is granted, the Review Board will set out the conditions upon which it will accept and treat the information. If confidential status is denied, the traditional knowledge will not be disclosed and the submitting party may withdraw the information from the public record or decide itself to disclose the information. The Review Board will notify parties of its decision.*

**Parties have until Friday March 31, 2025 to comment on the Request for Ruling.** After that, the Review Board will decide whether to accept the confidential information. If the Review Board rules that it will accept the confidential information, it will discuss with Pehdzeh Ki First Nation how that information should be handled in a manner that is suitably confidential while allowing representatives of other parties to examine (but presumably not copy, post or circulate) the information.

The Review Board will also engage with parties that wish to examine the confidential information, to determine their information needs for this environmental assessment and identify an approach that is both fair and respects confidentiality.

If you have comments on the request for ruling, please send them to Senior Environmental Assessment Advisor Catherine Fairbairn (867-766-7054, [cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca](mailto:cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca)), the Review Board lead for the Mackenzie Valley Highway project environmental assessment.

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<sup>1</sup> This request was made under Rule 63 of the Review Board's [Rules of Procedure](#) (2023). The Review Board will follow Rules 50 to 59 when making its ruling.