

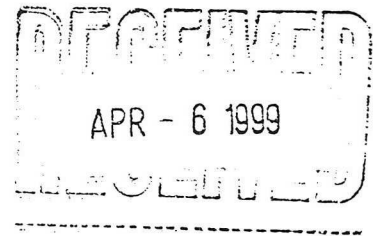
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The Honourable Trevor Harding  
Minister of Economic Development  
Yukon Government Administration Building  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Transmission by fax: 867-667-8424

Dear Minister:

**Re: A Protected Areas Strategy for the Yukon**

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) represents 170 member companies whose activities focus on exploration, development and production of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, synthetic crude oil, bitumen and elemental sulphur throughout Canada. CAPP members produce approximately 95 per cent of Canada's natural gas and crude oil. CAPP has 110 associate members who provide the broad range of services that complete the infrastructure of this country's upstream crude oil and natural gas industry.

CAPP recognizes the need to balance opportunities for industrial activity with the need to preserve and maintain ecosystems and natural processes for future generations. Our mission is to *enhance the economic well being and sustainability of the Canadian upstream petroleum industry in a socially, environmentally and technically responsible manner.* As a result, CAPP supports the Yukon Protected Areas Strategy.

A key requirement for orderly and efficient development of hydrocarbon resources is the need for a land use framework that minimizes uncertainty regarding where development activities can be pursued. CAPP recognizes that within such a framework there will be protected core areas where no industrial development occurs - including oil and gas development.

CAPP supports the notion that protected areas will be surrounded by well-managed buffer zones where industrial activity, which respects ecosystem concerns, is conducted. Ongoing improvements in oil and gas development technology and environmental management techniques enable us to increasingly conduct our activities in a manner that minimizes environmental impact and is sensitive to the ecological concerns previously noted.

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Yukon Protected Areas Strategy

CAPP believes that a multi-stakeholder process is requisite to the successful implementation of the Yukon Protected Areas Strategy. We feel it is critical for the oil and gas industry, and all other affected stakeholders, to jointly participate in such a process and look forward to working with your Government in this regard.

Sincerely,



David Luff  
Vice President  
Environment and Operations

- c. The Honourable Eric Fairclough, Minister of Renewable Resources  
Gordon Voogd, Executive Assistant, Economic Development