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**Objet :** The Ugly Secret

I must state my profound amazement at your reply #571, with respect to secrecy at the upcoming ERCB hearing on the Federal Environmental Review, involving,"carpet-bomb" drilling a National Wildlife Refuge!! Firstly, of course is the speed at which your reply was posted on the Suffield info list, prior to any other interested parties to the hearing!!

A cursory review of the facts shows the information, the council for EnCana wants **protected from the public**, holds no concern from the **Responsible Authority, [RA]** the DND who publish the asked for secret locations with respect to **Pre-Disturbance-Assessment** on their supplemental submissions to the panel.

The question of course is--**why**, after years of being involved in this review and only days before the set hearing would **EnCana** of all parties even raise concerns with these locations? DND state under **Context** in their # 549 submission to the formal hearing---**In many cases, the Proponent identifies PDAs as a primary evaluation and mitigation tool for the project!!** And our Federal Justice Department has no problems with the importance placed on this subject, that the key ingredients in this hearing would be held in-camera and out of the public realm?? Agreeing that the primary evaluation and mitigation tools in this historic hearing be dealt with in **secrecy**, and the speed of this very approval is shocking to say the least, and demands a review of that decision!!

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