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Dear Colleague,

On February 10, 2020, the Minister of the Environment, Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, determined that a regional assessment will be conducted in an area centred on the Ring of Fire mineral deposits in northern Ontario. On January 20, 2025, the Fifteen First Nation partners and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada finalized the [terms of reference](#) for the conduct of the Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area (traditionally referred to by local First Nations as Kawana 'bi 'kag), in northern Ontario, were posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry.

In accordance with section 100 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, IAAC is requesting that your department complete the attached Federal Authority Advice Record (FAAR). Please provide the information related to your mandate and areas of expertise, including regulatory authority, expert knowledge, and on-going programming in the Ring of Fire Area. This information is important as it will help inform the Conduct phase of the Regional Assessment. IAAC also requests that you complete the second attached FAAR (titled Expert Supports Form – Federal Authority – January 2025) pertaining to experts that will help support the Regional Assessment Working Group during the 30-month Conduct phase.

Please ensure that your designated official responds to the items detailed in the attachments to this letter by March 28, 2025. Any information requirements not specified in the attachment may also be provided. Please note that IAAC anticipates that the designated lead contact from your department participate in meetings, workshops and/or other activities throughout the duration of the Conduct phase.

Your response will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site (the Registry). Note that, all records produced, collected or received that are relevant to the Regional Assessment will be posted on the Registry unless they are excluded for privacy or security reasons, or are determined to be otherwise protected or excluded.

Thank you in advance for the participation of your department in the Regional Assessment. IAAC employees remain available should participants wish to discuss the Regional Assessment. The response form may be directed to Cassandra Ligeti at IAAC.RegionalRoF-CdFRRegionale.AEIC@Canada.ca.



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Sincerely,

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