Forest Practices Board

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Doug Konkin
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Dear Doug Konkin:

Re: *FPB/SIR/32 Remediation Orders: How Effective are They?*

Thank you for the Ministry response to the recommendations in the Board's report, *Remediation Orders: How Effective are They?*, which I received from Kevin Edquist, Director of Compliance and Enforcement.

I accept the response and look forward to hearing from the Ministry in a year's time as to the outcome of the two reviews described in the response.

Yours truly,



R. A. (Al) Gorley, RPF
Chair

December 2, 2013

In response to the Board's recommendation that government improve and standardize the way in which information about compliance with orders, and the enforcement of orders, is gathered and recorded, the ministry advises that: "In the short term this will be accomplished through initial tracking outside of our systems and included in the business plan process at an operational level (fiscal 2014/15). Our current redesign is for our compliance reporting system and does not include enforcement actions. As such longer term it will be included as a business requirement in the redesign of our case management system for enforcement."

In response to the Board's recommendation that government publish information annually on the rate of compliance with orders; the number of investigations and penalty determinations made to enforce orders; and, whether the intended outcomes of orders were achieved, the ministry advises that: "This can be achieved through our annual reporting mechanism and will be included in future reports once we have the data to support the publication of these actions based on implementation as stated above."

In response to the Board's recommendation that government encourage voluntary remediation by amending FRPA and the WA to enable government and licensees to cooperatively enter into formal agreements to remediate, as a way to address non-compliance with legislation, when forest or range activities have resulted in harm to Crown resources, the ministry advises that there is currently work being done in response to this recommendation.