



News Release

Minister announces WCB consultations

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 29, 2000) – Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Workers' Compensation Board Kelvin Ng announced that employers and other key stakeholders will be surveyed to determine their views and opinions on whether Nunavut should establish its own WCB or remain part of the joint Nunavut - Northwest Territories Board.

Since April 1, 1999 there has been a joint Nunavut-NWT Workers' Compensation Board operating under the terms of an Inter-Governmental Agreement. However, the Government of Nunavut must make a decision prior to December 31, 2000 on whether to continue this arrangement or establish a separate board.

The firm Consilium and Ms. Okalik Eegeesiak are undertaking the survey and consultation process for the Minister.

“I encourage those people contacted to respond to the survey,” Minister Ng said. “The more responses that are received, the better informed we will be to make a recommendation before the end of this year.”

The WCB is a public agency that receives all of its operating funds from employers operating in the Nunavut and/or NWT. A board of directors, appointed by the respective Nunavut and NWT Ministers Responsible, governs the WCB. The Board oversees operations and acts at arms length from government.

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