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The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
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Exemption from Preliminary Screening.

Aurora College has been training heavy equipment & mining industry operators in these areas for over 50 years.

The effects of the training on the land, water, flora and fauna are expected to be minimal to none. The quarries we use have been in existence for years, and some were in the past operated by the GNWT. The only potential for impacts arises from small fuel/oil spills, should they occur. These may occur at the time of fuel transfer from tidy tank to the local equipment, during an unexpected maintenance issue like an oil/hydraulic leak, or during routine maintenance. Our equipment is maintained to a very high standard and each vehicle is equipped with a spill pack for the unlikely event that a leak occurs. A spill contingency plan is in place and we have a fully stocked spill trailer nearby whenever we train in these areas.

In terms of socio economic impacts, these programs are beneficial. The expectation coming out of this training is that the trainees will be able to secure long term employment within the heavy equipment operation industry and in the mining industry.

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