

Potential effects of operating a niobium mine and plant in Oka on surface and ground waters and their uses

The BAPE Commission of Inquiry will conduct a public consultation

Québec City, December 13, 2004 – The Commission of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE), chaired by Joseph Zayed, wishes to promote public participation in the BAPE inquiry mandated by the Minister of the Environment, Thomas J. Mulcair, into *the potential effects of operating a niobium mine and plant in Oka on surface and ground waters and their uses*.

The Commission will therefore conduct a public consultation so that interested parties can ask the Commission questions to complete the information available, voice their opinion on specific subjects, point out elements of interest, or present suggestions and make comments likely to enlighten the Commission on the subjects it has been commissioned to analyze. The public consultation will begin on **January 17, 2005**, at 7 p.m., at City Hall, Municipality of Oka, 127, rue Notre-Dame. The sessions will continue the following days according to the needs of the public and of the Commission.

Documentation available

You can refer to the documents pertaining to this mandate at the BAPE office in Québec City, at the Bibliothèque centrale of the Université du Québec à Montréal, and at the following locations :

- Oka Municipal Library, 127, rue Notre-Dame, Oka ;
- Band Council of the Mohawks of Kanésatake, 681, rang Sainte-Philomène, Kanésatake.

You can also visit the BAPE website at www.bape.gouv.qc.ca.

For more information, interested parties are asked to contact Suzanne Bouchard, Commission Secretariat Coordinator, at (418) 643-7447, extension 421, or toll-free at 1-800-463-4732, extension 421. You can also reach the Commission by e-mail at oka-eaux@bape.gouv.qc.ca

Source: Louise Bourdages
Communications Adviser
(418) 643-7447, extension 532, or 1-800-463-4732, extension 532
louise.bourdages@bape.gouv.qc.ca