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Dear Mr. Freeman,

As requested, I am writing to confirm the current status of the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Agricultural Benefits Settlement. This letter may be shared with members of the Nation.

Following a successful ratification in June, 2017, all required materials from Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, including the executed Settlement Agreement, were provided to Canada by mid-July. All documents are complete and accurate.

As you are aware, because the settlement is over \$50,000,000, the Minister is required to obtain authorization, in the form of an Order-in-Council, in order to execute the Agreement. This is a complex process, although it rarely poses any substantive problem. We are working on obtaining the Order-in-Council. Once this is obtained, the Settlement Agreement package is submitted to the Minister for her signature, and Canada has up to 45 days to pay out the settlement proceeds after the Minister has signed the Agreement.

I confirm that the process to date has followed the usual pattern and there is no indication of any difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Snelgrove
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Atlantic, Prairie and NWT Team
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