

Appendix A

Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area Federal Authority Advice Record (FAAR) #2 from DND

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PART 1 –

a. Training Activities and Environmental Impacts

The Canadian Army continues to conduct activities in Northern Ontario through the 3 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (3CRPG), fostering skills needed to be out on the land. As members of their communities, the Canadian Rangers offer a great depth of valuable local knowledge and experience. There is still a Junior Ranger camp near Geraldton, Ontario.

b. Engagement with First Nations and Emergency Response

For insight into the engagement with First Nations and emergency response, the Public Safety website explains that – “A request for federal assistance (RFA) is how a province or territory formally requests support from the federal government in their emergency response efforts. The RFA involves official communication and coordination between provincial, territorial or federal departments and Public Safety. It outlines the additional resources the jurisdiction needs for an effective response.” Should Ontario submit an RFA, Public Safety will coordinate the response with the appropriate and available assets, which may include the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). Public Safety and the Province of Ontario have a wide lens for the past, present, and future tools, initiatives, and resources which could intersect with the Ring of Fire assessment area concerning natural disasters such as flooding and wildfire.

c. Mid-Canada Line Radar Sites

As the project proponent, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) remains best-positioned to provide a fulsome update on the clean-up of sixteen former Mid-Canada Line (MCL) Radar sites, and any relevance to the regional assessment. The contribution agreement between Ontario and the federal government supported the remediation of eleven sites between 2009-2017, with Ontario implementing the remediation for the remaining five sites.

d. Baseline Environmental Information

There are no unexploded explosive ordnance (UXO) Legacy Sites within the study area. At any time, if additional information on the DND UXO and Legacy Sites Program is required, please contact uxocanada@forces.gc.ca directly. DND does not have any contaminated sites in Ontario north of Timmins. At the time of drafting, DND is not planning any infrastructure projects within the study area.

e. Strategic Assessments on Critical Minerals

Critical minerals are increasingly important to Canada's defence and security interests, supporting a range of military and dual-use technologies, including aerospace systems, communications equipment, sensors, advanced manufacturing, energy storage, and space capabilities. As Canada and its Allies modernize military capabilities, reliable access to these materials is becoming increasingly important for defence readiness and supply chain resilience.

DND has an interest in understanding defence-critical material requirements, supply chain dependencies, and potential vulnerabilities that could affect the sustainment and future development of military capabilities. Canada's Defence Industrial Strategy identifies critical minerals as essential inputs to defence supply chains and recognizes the importance of strengthening access to these materials through trusted domestic and allied sources.

DND does not have a regulatory role in critical mineral development or resource management. Its interest is focused on defence readiness, defence industrial capacity, and supply chain resilience.

Appendix B
Requests #1 and #2 from the Requests to Federal Departments and Agencies
(PACKAGE 1)

Table 2. Requests to Federal Agencies and Departments

#	<i>Targeted recipient(s)</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Request</i>	<i>DND Response</i>
1	All	Projects and Initiatives relevant for the Ring of Fire Area	a) Provide a list of the projects and initiatives in which you are involved in that relate to the Ring of Fire Assessment Area. For each item, include: i. Project name, description and timeframe ii. Lead organization iii. Other collaborators iv. Your role v. Geographic location (include maps if available) b) Explain if and how Indigenous Nations and communities in the Ring of Fire Area collaborated in these projects and initiatives. c) Would you be willing to give a public presentation about any of these initiatives to the working group, and if so which ones?	DND does not have any projects or initiatives that relate to the Ring of Fire Assessment Area.
2	All	Priority topics identified by the	In the Call for Information and Data , the Working Group identified key priorities for	<i>3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (3CRPG)</i>

		Working Group – Information and Gaps information gathering and gap identification at this time. Table 3 reflects these key priorities. Referring to the priorities and issues listed in Table 3, based on your expertise, provide advice on: a) the best sources of existing data, including means to access it, b) adequate spatial and temporal boundaries to assess impacts, c) key indicators to describe potential impacts, d) known data gaps or uncertainties, and e) suggestions for studies or other ways to fill those gaps.	Overview: Canadian Rangers Details: Patrols of the 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group - Canada.ca Map: ca-narrative-brochure-e.pdf <i>Emergency Response</i> Public Safety: Requests for federal assistance (RFA) Canadian Armed Forces (CAF): Operation LENTUS - Canada.ca (Example: Operation LENTUS 25-03) “Operation LENTUS is the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) response to natural disasters in Canada. Provincial and territorial authorities are the first to respond when a major natural disaster occurs in Canada. If an emergency requires more resources than the affected province has available, they may ask
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				the federal government for additional resources, which can include CAF personnel, equipment, and facilities when required and available. When the CAF responds to such a crisis, it is known as Operation LENTUS.”
				Critical Minerals Critical minerals are increasingly important to Canada's defence capabilities and defence industrial base. These materials support a wide range of military and dual-use technologies and are an important consideration in strengthening defence supply chain resilience. DND's interest is focused on defence readiness and supply chain security.