



commission for environmental impact assessment

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Dear Mr Rutgers,

By letter dated 21 June 2000 the DGIS requested (appendix 1) the Commission for environmental impact assessment (the Commission) to review the monitoring of the Lining of the Ismailia Canal Pilot Project, Egypt.

I herewith submit the advice prepared by a working group of the Commission.

In addition the Commission brings the following to your attention:

- The Commission is also willing to review the following reports, which will be submitted by the Research Institute for Ground Water:
  - Report No. 3 will contain the estimation for the seepage from the study reach of the canal during the lining construction and also including the monitoring data for the first three months after lining according to the proposed monitoring frequency during this phase (after lining).
  - Report No. 5 will contain the final result of the monitoring period (18 months) and the results of the canal seepage before, during and after the lining of this reach. Also it will contain the assessment of the results of this study for the feasibility of the lining and its impacts on the groundwater recharge for the aquifer in the experimental area.

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