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**Fracking and Oil and Gas Operations Act**

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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. And, sorry, I neglected to ask about one other piece of legislation that the department has indicated it's going to review as part of the mandate, and I think it's the Oil and Gas Operations Act.

So, in reviewing that act, does the department expect to deal with the issue of hydraulic fracturing?  
Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Minister McLeod.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. We've committed to a comprehensive review of all resource management legislation, including oil and gas legislation. Public concerns related to hydraulic fracturing can be most effectively addressed through amendments to the NWT Oil and Gas Operations Act and the Petroleum Resources Act and associated regulations, so we expect that there will be opportunities for a proactive public discussion on hydraulic fracturing through the development of the proposed amendments to the PRA and the OGOA. Thank you, Mr. Chair.