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Ted Deller Announcer:

Well the provincial government calls it a milestone in monitoring Saskatchewan's forest, legislation requires logging companies now to conduct an independent audit every five years. The first has been completed. It looked at Mistik Management's operations in the northwest part of the province. Industry, government and environmentalists say they welcome the results. CBC radio's Dan Kerslake reports.

Dan Kerslake Reporter:

Environmentalist Allison Brady is pouring over the results of the Mistik audit. Brady monitors the industry working with the Saskatchewan Environmental Society. She considers Mistik to be a progressive company and environmentally responsible, that's why she's a little surprised by the results of KPMG's audit.

Allison Brady Sask Environmental Society:

It's like death by a thousand cuts; if you add a lot of small problems together they add up to a big problem.

Dan Kerslake:

KPMG's investigation found problems with Mystic's long-term management planning. It also expressed concern with logging practices in the company's northern forest. For its part Mistik is already working to fix the problems outlined by KPMG. Environmentalists like Brady will be watching and so will the provincial government. The province's Al Wilcox says the audits produce value feedback.

Al Wilcox Saskatchewan Government:

You have to be willing to let somebody else tell you that you're not doing things as well as you should be doing them and then most importantly learning from your mistakes.

Dan Kerslake:

Mistik's audit is just the first to be issued under new provincial forestry laws, three others will be released soon. Dan Kerslake CBC News Saskatoon.