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Dear Johnny,

### ***Re: Land Use Permit Application– G08H004 Gwich'in Camp***

The GSCI would like to offer the following comments regarding this application.

Several place names have been recorded by the GSCI for this and the surrounding area and it is recommended that the GSCI be contacted for information on these names so that they can be integrated into the signage and programming offered at the camp.

The GSCI is concerned that no detailed fuel spill management plan was provided with the application, and recommends that a comprehensive spill management plan be developed for the site and made available to all potential camp staff in the event of such an event occurring.

We understand that the sewage and waste water will be treated by a water purification plant and then disposed of east of the camp in the bush. Has any thought been given as to how this might affect the permafrost in the area and if so, how this might impact the camp in the long run?

The GSCI questions whether an archaeological or heritage assessment was conducted prior to the construction of the camp. If not, then a post-impact assessment may be appropriate, as

determined by the Territorial Archaeologist. As with any application, if archaeological or heritage materials are encountered during any development activities at the camp, all work must cease immediately as required by law, and the GSCI and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife must be contacted.

Sincerely,

Sharon Snowshoe  
Executive Director, GSCI

c.c. Tom Andrews, PWNHC