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Territories Transportation

By Email

May 12, 2014

Mr. Glen MacKay, Assessment Archaeologist
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Dear: Mr. MacKay

RE: Land Use Permit Application G14E002 - Dempster Highway

We refer to your letter of May 9, 2014 addressed to Gwich'in Land and Water Board and provide you with the following information as requested:

- Rock Quarries at Km 235 and Km 251 are the only two quarries that are anticipated to be expanded into previously undisturbed terrain over the life of the permit.
- No new quarries will be established under this permit.

We have taken a note of your recommendations and we suggest the following:

- As there is legislation protecting known or suspected sites (eg. the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations' Section 6(a) and Section 12 (a) and (b)) the DOT will fully comply during all activities at quarries and/or along the Highway Right of Way (ROW), and therefore will not require an Archaeological Site Management Plan. The Department asks that the PWNHC please identify the recently identified and previously unrecorded archaeological site which is in close proximity to the quarry at km 251 so that we may maintain an appropriate buffer between our activities and the archaeological site.
- As the ROW has long been established and all fuel/equipment caches will be contained within the approved corridor (and as we are bound by our mandate, legislation and the terms and conditions of our Land Use Permit to protect the environment), the Department does not foresee any risks to archaeological sites in the permitted area.
- The Department would support a periphery inspection at km 235 and km 251 by the PWNHC.
- Currently, at km 251, independent contractor (not working for the DOT) activities are ongoing. The Department recommends contacting one of them in order to complete an



Archaeological Impact Assessment, DOT will comply with the findings and all legislation should it reveal that our operations are approaching any archaeological resources.

Thank you for your comments and recommendations. If you need anything further, please contact me at (867) 777-7349 or by email at Arvind.Vashishtha@gov.nt.ca at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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