



January 24, 2018

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Dear Ms. Macdonald,

**RE: Town of Inuvik
 Type A Water Licence – G17L3-001
 Solid Waste Disposal Facilities Operations and Maintenance Plan
 Request for Review and Comment**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories has reviewed the application at reference based on its mandated responsibilities under the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Forest Management Act*, the *Forest Protection Act*, the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the *Waters Act* and the *Wildlife Act* and provides the following comments and recommendations for the consideration of the Board.

Topic 1: Bears and Wildlife Control

Comment(s):

The 2016 ENR Inspection Report specifies (p. 6 of 19) that bears remain a nuisance at the Solid Waste Disposal Facility (SWDF) causing salvaging restrictions by the Town of Inuvik in recent years. As such, ENR Renewable Resources Officers are responding to many bear calls in the summer season to deter nuisance bears at the SWDF.

ENR notes that the MVLWB municipal template for SWDF's requires in Section 13, details on strategies (other than cover placement and fencing) used to manage wildlife at the facility.

While Section 3.15.7 of the current Town of Inuvik Solid Waste Disposal Facilities Operations and Maintenance Plan (the Plan) specifies that the presence of bears, or other animals at the site, shall be reported to the MSM and to the GNWT (ENR local

Inuvik office); however, no detailed management strategies to prevent or reduce bear or wildlife intrusions to the SWDF were provided in the Plan.

Recommendation(s):

- 1) ENR recommends that clear strategies to address bear, or other wildlife, nuisance issues at the SWDF be created, implemented and included within the Plan.

Comments and recommendations were provided by ENR technical experts in the Water Resources Division and the Inuvik Region and were coordinated and collated by the Environmental Assessment and Monitoring Section (EAM), Conservation, Assessment and Monitoring Division (CAM).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Clancy, Environmental Regulatory Analyst at (867) 767-9233 Ext: 53096 or email patrick.clancy@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,



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