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Please accept the attached on behalf of NSMA.



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Re: City of Yellowknife Class A Water Licence Renewal Application MV2009L3-0007

The North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA) acknowledges receipt of your July 20th, 2009 letter requesting review comments regarding the renewal of the above noted water licence, by the City of Yellowknife. Your letter also requested our comments on the draft timeline for review, and on the issue of exemption from environmental screening.

In our reply, of August 27th, 2009, we outlined our general concerns, including our lack of capacity to review the large, complex and important application, and informed the Board that no consultation with the NSMA community has occurred on this application. It is our expectation that the timeline for review will be adjusted to accommodate our consultation needs. We expect Canada, and/or the proponent to engage in consultation with us regarding the time frame, after our capacity issue is addressed.

We were unable to comment on the issue of exemption from environmental screening, as we did not have sufficient information, or time to review information, detailing how this proposed project differs from the one previously assessed. We do not have a copy of the previous environmental assessment or the detailed project description that should have accompanied it.

In addition to the issues raised in our August 27th letter, we also wish to raise the issue of our community concern about contaminants that are currently not regulated, as well as concern regarding the appropriateness of the discharge criteria currently used. For example, there should be testing to determine whether endocrine disrupting, mutagenic, carcinogenic or teratogenic substances are being released to our environment as household hazardous wastes and medical wastes are potential components of domestic sewage. Community members question whether the concentrations of faecal coliforms and streptococcal bacterial allowed are appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding this intervention, please do not hesitate to email me at the address provided below.

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