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Fort Liard Water Licence Renewal Application MV2009L3-0025
Response to Review Comments

This letter is in response to review comments received by the Land and Water Board and forwarded to Dillon Consulting and the Hamlet of Fort Liard on December 4, 2009. We have reviewed all of the comments, and it does not appear that any changes to the application need to be made, but offer the following responses to the comments made by the various agencies.

Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT

We have reviewed the recommendations made by ENR to the MVLWB and offer the following comments for each issue raised:

Issue: O&M Manual for new facility

An O&M Manual will be produced for new solid waste facility and submitted to the MVLWB for review when it is available.

Issue: O&M Planning

We assume this will be a condition of the Water License the Board will consider.

Issue: Closure and Reclamation

We assume this will be a condition of the Water License the Board will consider. The plan will be prepared for the Hamlet in conjunction with the design of the new solid waste facility.

Issue: Hazardous Waste

We assume this will be a condition of the Water License the Board will consider. The plan will be prepared for the Hamlet in conjunction with the design of the new solid waste facility. The Hamlet is also in the process of developing a new Standard Operating Procedure for the existing landfill operation.



Issue: Outsourced Industrial Waste Streams

We assume this will be a condition of the Water License the Board will consider.. The Hamlet is not planning to accept outsourced industrial waste at its current or future solid waste facility.

Issue: Fencing

We assume this will be a condition of the Water License the Board will consider. Fencing will be installed at the new solid waste facility as indicated in the preliminary design report provided the MVLB and ENR. The treatment of the existing solid waste facility will be covered in the Closure and Reclamation Plan.

INAC

We have reviewed the comments provided by INAC to the MVLWB and offer the following comments for each issue raised:

Water Treatment (Backwash Water sampling and disposal)

We assume this will be a condition of the Water License the Board will consider. The Hamlet is currently discharging backwash water every 2 to 3 months. A new O&M manual will be prepared as part of renovations to the WTP which the Hamlet anticipates will be completed by 2011. Sampling procedures will be included in the O&M manual to be produced as part of the renovations.

Sewage Disposal

We assume that the MVLWB will include relevant recommendations in the Water License conditions, and that subsequent reporting will be used to monitor compliance.

Solid Waste Disposal

The design of the new solid waste facility will be submitted to the MVLWB as required.

Surveillance Network Program

The Hamlet will work with the INAC Inspector to locate and map all necessary SNP stations as required.

Fisheries and Oceans

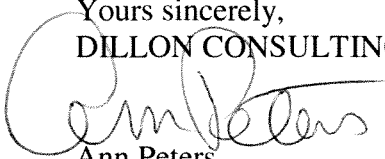
We have reviewed the comments provided by DFO to the MVLWB and understand that formal amendment applications will need to be submitted for planned changes to municipal infrastructure, which we assume is referring to the new solid waste site.

Environment Canada

We have reviewed the conditions that Environment Canada has recommended be applied to the Water License and note that in addition to issues also identified by ENR and INAC, there is a recommendation to produce an updated Spill Contingency Plan as a condition of the Water License the Board.

Yours sincerely,

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