



February 10th, 2017

True North Safaris Ltd.
P.O. Box 26
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2N1

Attention: Mr. Gary Jaeb

**Re: Land Use Permit MV2013J0006
Campsite/Lodge
Mackay Lake, NT**

Dear Mr. Jaeb,

An inspection of the Mackay Lake Lodge was conducted by Inspectors Clint Ambrose and Joe Heron on February 7th, 2017. The inspection was carried out to ensure operating conditions annexed to the above noted land use permit are being adhered to during this operation.

Mackay Lake Lodge was active at the time of inspection, but unfortunately proper notifications were not provided to Inspectors prior to land use operations occurring as per Conditions #3 & #4 of the permit. This concern regarding the notification conditions has been previously identified and explained to the Permittee by Inspectors.

Further contraventions of the permit conditions will not be tolerated and may leave Inspectors no other alternative but to issue a written notice pursuant to section 86(2) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and order a Cessation of Land-Use Operations or any part thereof, pursuant to Section 34 of the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations*.

The only other concern identified during the current inspection was a fuel leak at the camp generator that was causing the secondary containment structure below to overtop with hydrocarbons. No other concerns were noted and your copy of the Environmental Inspection Report is included and should be self-explanatory.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at (867) 767-9187 ext. 24192 or Mr. Clint Ambrose at (867) 767-9188.

Sincerely,

Joseph Heron
Resource Management Officer II (Inspector)
North Slave Regional Office
GNWT – Department of Lands

cc: MVLWB

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT

Permittee:	True North Safaris Ltd.	Inspection Date: February 7 th , 2017
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	Permit Expiry Date	Last Previous Inspection
Land Use Permit No.	MV2013J0006	September 23 rd , 2018
Quarrying Permit No.		August 9 th , 2016
Contractor:		Subcontractor:

Location(s) Inspected:	Mackay Lake Lodge
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Current Stage of Operation:	The camp was active at the time of the inspection.
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Program Modifications Approved:	
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Condition of Operation "A" - Acceptable "U" - Unacceptable "N/A" - Not Applicable

	Operating Condition	Aspect Inspected			Condition
		Camp			
A	Location and Area	A			
B	Time	U			#3 Contact Inspector #4 Identify Agent
C	Type and Size of Equipment	A			
D	Methods and Techniques	A			
E	Type, Location, Capacity and Operation of All Facilities	A			
F	Control or Prevention of Ponding of Water, Flooding, Erosion, Slides and Subsidence of Land	A			
G	Use, Storage, Handling and Ultimate Disposal of Any Chemical or Toxic Material	A			
H	Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat	A			
I	Storage, Handling and Disposal of Refuse or Sewage	A			
J	Protection of Historical, Archeological and Burial Sites	A			
K	Objects and Places of Recreational, Scenic or Ecological Value	N/A			
L	Security Deposit	N/A			
M	Fuel Storage	U			#36 Fuel Containment #42 Cleanup Spills
N	Methods & Techniques for Debris and Brush Disposal	N/A			
O	Restoration of the Lands	A			
P	Display of Permits and Permit Numbers	A			
Q	Matters Not Inconsistent With the Regulations	A			
R	Sections 8 to 16 M.V.L.U.R.	A			

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Explanatory Remarks

An inspection of the Mackay Lake Lodge (Photo #1) was conducted by Inspectors Clint Ambrose and Joe Heron on February 7th, 2017. The inspection was carried out to ensure operating conditions annexed to the above noted land use permit are being adhered to during this operation.

Mackay Lake Lodge was active at the time of inspection and access to the camp was via a ploughed winter access road from the Tibbitt to Contwoyto Winter Road. Three lodge buildings were active at the time of the inspection and there were eight (8) persons occupying the camp since February 5th, 2017.

Unfortunately, proper notifications were not provided by the Permittee to Inspectors prior to operations occurring in the land use area and this contravenes Conditions #3 & #4 of the permit. This concern regarding the notification conditions has been previously identified and explained to the Permittee by Inspectors. It is the Permittees responsibility to ensure conditions of the Land Use Permit are being adhered to and proper notifications are provided to Inspectors prior to land use operations occurring at Mackay Lake Lodge.

Further contraventions of the permit conditions will not be tolerated and may leave Inspectors no other alternative but to issue a written notice pursuant to section 86(2) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and order a Cessation of Land-Use Operations or any part thereof, pursuant to Section 34 of the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations*.

The only concern noted during the current inspection involved an active fuel leak at the camp generator in the generator shack. Fuel was leaking from the fuel filter of the generator and though secondary containment was present under the generator, the containment was overtopping and hydrocarbons were impacting the underlying soils (Photos #2 & #3). The Permittee must ensure hydrocarbons remain fully contained and do not impact the surrounding soils as per Condition #36 of the permit. Impacted soils resulting from a spill must be cleaned up to satisfy Condition #42 and the soils are to be properly containerized and disposed of at an authorized offsite disposal facility (Condition #43).

Overall, Inspectors anticipate and expect proper notifications to be provided prior to the seasonal occupation of the Mackay Lake Lodge facility to remain compliant with operating Conditions #3 & #4 of the Land Use Permit. The Permittee must also provide notification to Inspectors prior to demobilization from the land use area as per Condition #5 of the permit.

Completed off Site
Representative's Signature

Joseph Heron
Inspector


Inspector's Signature



Photo #1 - MV2013J0006 True North Safaris Ltd.
Two of the active buildings at Mackay Lake Lodge.



Photo #2 - MV2013J0006 True North Safaris Ltd.
Fuel was leaking from the fuel filter of the camp generator.

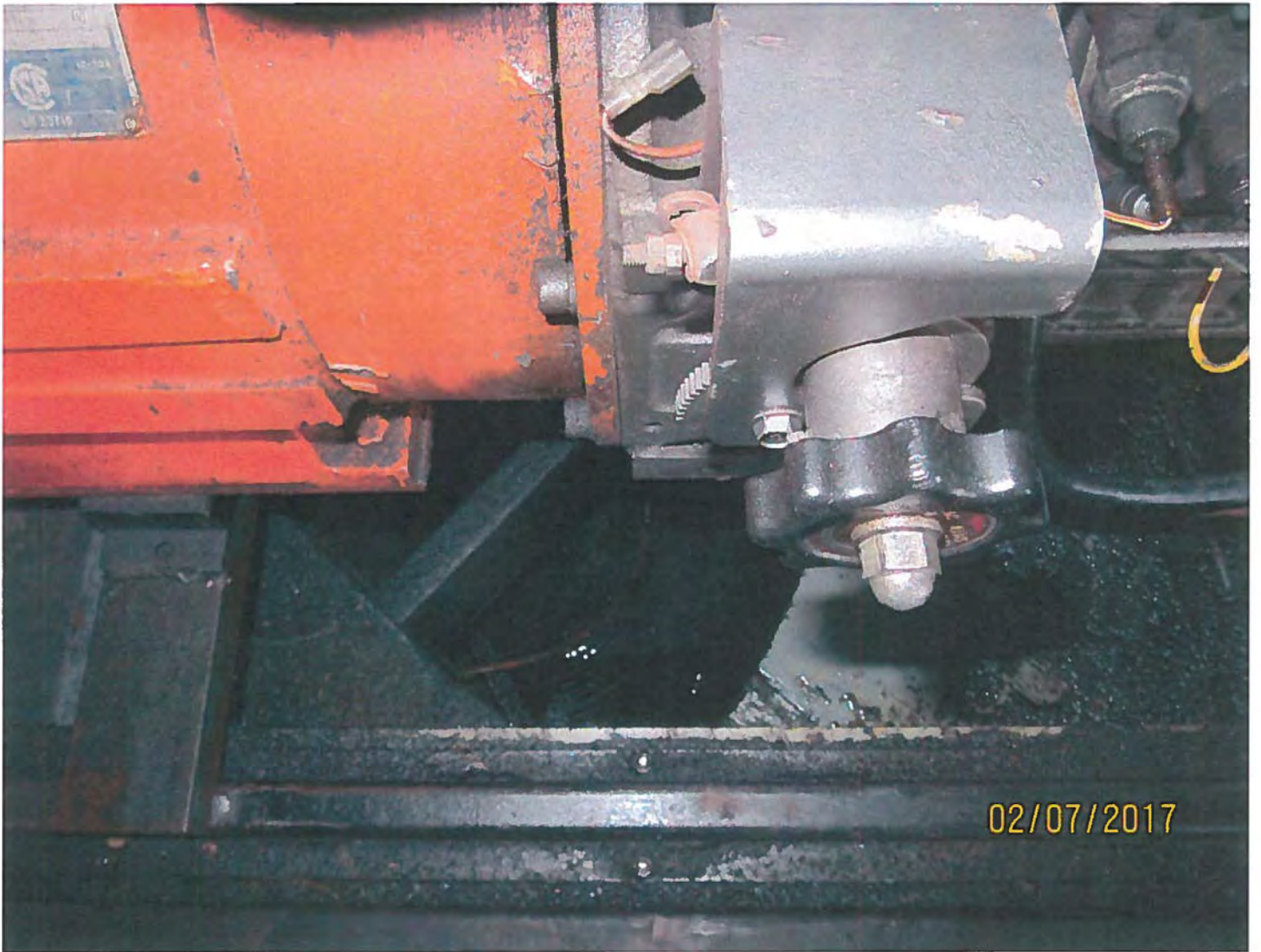


Photo #3 - MV2013J0006 True North Safaris Ltd.
Though there was secondary containment under the camp generator, the containment was overtopping and impacting the surrounding soils.



Photo #4 - MV2013J0006 True North Safaris Ltd.
Fuel drums appeared to be properly stored and active fuel containers were in secondary containment.