



July 4, 2016  
VIA E-MAIL

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Dear Ms. Mullaney,

**Re: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (INAC-CARD) – Tundra Mine  
Water Licence Renewal – MV2016L8-0003  
Land Use Permit – MV2016X-0011  
Board request for Interventions**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories has reviewed the material related to the renewal of a Type A Water Licence and a Type A Land Use Permit associated with the ongoing remediation works at Tundra Mine. ENR staff submitted comments on the proposal on June 6, 2016 and attended the technical session held on June 23, 2016.

Through this process, ENR requested clarification in the following areas:

- Effluent Quality Criteria related to arsenic;
- Hydrocarbon Contamination of Soils;
- Remediation Objectives; and
- Mill Pond Drawdown.

Additional information and clarification was provided by INAC-CARD through the written proceeding as well as during the technical session that addressed all concerns brought forward by ENR. As such, ENR will not be making any formal recommendations at this time but assumes that any commitments (e.g. total discharge rates) made by INAC-CARD during the process will be incorporated into the Water Licence by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board).

It is ENR's opinion that a formal public hearing is not required during this process. If the Board requires any additional information from parties to assist in decision making, a written process should be sufficient. However, if the Board does proceed with a public hearing, ENR will be in attendance to provide any information or clarification that the Board may deem necessary.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Marcy MacDougall at (867) 767-9233 Ext: 53099 or email [marcy\\_macdougall@gov.nt.ca](mailto:marcy_macdougall@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. McGregor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "R".

For

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