



**SAHTU Land & Water Board**  
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May 16, 2013

Mr. Kim Richardson  
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Our File: S12X-006

Your File:

Dear Mr. Richardson,

**RE: Surface and Groundwater Monitoring Plan Approval**

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) met on May 16, 2013 and reviewed the Surface and Groundwater Monitoring Plan (the Plan) as per Part 26 (1) D.22 of the Land Use Permit S12X-006. At this time, the SLWB hereby approves the Plan as submitted with the expectation that the following will be addressed:

- The SLWB considers the focus of this first year to be on acquiring baseline data, which will lead into the development of a monitoring program.
- It is understood that the Plan is a living document that will evolve over time to reflect the scale of exploration as it develops and as more data is collected.
- The proponent should consider that the collection methods and sampling frequencies will need to be readdressed over time in order to determine natural variability, specifically in water chemistry.
- Once system variance is established, should data be collected that exceeds natural variability, the SLWB expects a management process that will identify and determine the possible reason(s) for the outlier.

The SLWB is currently working on creating a Surface and Groundwater Monitoring framework that will promote consistency in the development of credible, comparable data and information pertaining to water quality. This framework will set out minimum standards for monitoring programs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Angela Love at (867) 598-2413 ext. 227 or by email at [angela.love@slwb.com](mailto:angela.love@slwb.com).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Wallace".

Larry Wallace  
Chair