



## Sahtu Land and Water Board

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S13L1-007

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Dear Mr. Leavitt,

**Re: Request for Temporary Modification to S13L1-007  
Withdrawal of Water from the Mackenzie River in an Alternative Location**

The SLWB received your temporary modification request to Water Licence S13L1-007 on April 18, 2018 to allow for the withdrawal of water from the Mackenzie River at a location not currently listed within the Water Licence, through a water pump strictly for the purposes of the flushing of flowline 65/77.

It has been noted that water withdrawal will occur through a clean suction hose equipped with a fish screen. Once the water has been used it will be injected through water injection well F-31X. The total volume used will not exceed the total allowable under the annual water withdrawal limit discussed within Water Licence S13L1-007. All volumes will be tracked and reported on within the Annual Water Use Report submitted on March 31. The duration of this temporary modification will last through the 2018 open water season or until the work has been completed, whichever comes first. The work is estimated to take place sometime between July and September depending on available resources.

According to Part G; Conditions applying to Modifications, Condition 1 a), details of this proposed Modification were provided to the Board at least 60 days prior to the commencement of the Modification; and Condition 1 b) the Modification does not place the Licensee in contravention of either the Licence, that Act, or Federal, Territorial or Municipal Legislation.

The SLWB has been informed that the GNWT-ENR have no concerns with the proposed project and the Federal Resource Management Officer responded that "since the proposed modification does not require any deposit of waste, cause the Licensee to exceed the annual authorized water withdrawal limits, and will implement best practices to protect the fish and fish habitat then the Resource Management Officer does not have any concerns and supports the Licensee in this request".

Please note as per Condition 3, the Licensee shall provide as-built plans and drawing of the Modification(s) referred to in this Licence within 90 days of completion of the Modification(s).

The proposed modification to the Water withdrawal is consistent with the terms of the Licence S13L1-007 and the Board finds no reason not to approve the proposal as described in the April 18, 2018 submission. The SLWB approves the completion of this work between July and September 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Di Pizzo". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "P" and a cursive "Di Pizzo".

Philippe Di Pizzo  
A/Chair Sahtu Land and Water Board

Copy: Imperial Oil Distribution List  
Tim Morton, INAC Water inspector