



**SAHTU Land & Water Board
REASONS FOR DECISION
Issued Pursuant to Section 121 of
The *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and
Pursuant to Section 54 of the *Waters Act***

Water Licence S14L1-004 (Type “B”)

This is the decision of the Sahtu Land & Water Board (the Board) with respect to an application for a Water Licence dated October 1, 2014 made by:

**Suncor Energy Inc.
P.O. Box 2844, 150 – 6 Ave S.W.
Calgary, Alberta
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for: Completion of maintenance activities on the Tweed Lake M-47 well within Significant Discovery Licence 024.

With respect to this application, written notice was given to 11 organizations within the Sahtu Settlement Area and 12 outside of the settlement area in accordance with Sections 63 & 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) and Section 43 of the *Waters Act*. There was no Public Hearing held in association with this Application.

DECISION

After having been satisfied that the project has been screened pursuant to s.124(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, and that any potential adverse environmental effects were insignificant or mitigable with known technology, and as such the application could proceed through the regulatory process and after reviewing the submission of the Applicant and after reviewing the written comments received by the Board; the Board, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope and intent of the MVRMA and Regulations made thereunder has determined that:

Water Licence S14L1-004 will be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

REASONS

The Board's reasons for this decision are as follows:

- The Board is satisfied that appropriate consultation has been conducted and that advice has been sought and considered, in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA.
- It is the opinion of the Board that the terms and conditions attached to S14L1-004, pursuant to the *Waters Acts*, will ensure that any potential environmental impacts resulting from this development are not significant. The effects of the Program on the environment can take place in an environmentally responsible manner provided that mitigation measures outlined in the Program's Environmental Protection Plan are followed.
- The use of water proposed by the Applicant is of a nature contemplated by the MVRMA.

The Proponent has been notified through a provision included in the scope of the Water Licence, that compliance with the terms and conditions of this Licence has no effect on the Licencee's responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation.

Signed this 17th day of November, 2014.

SAHTU Land and Water Board



Larry Wallace
(Chair)