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[S15L8-001](#)

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Dear Ms. Ward

**RE: Water Quality Monitoring Plan Extension Request - Granted
S15L8-001 - Great Bear Lake Remediation Project – Deline District**

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) received a Project Status Update and request for extension of the Water Quality Monitoring Plan on November 4, 2015.

The updated Water Quality Monitoring Plan submission is a requirement of S15L8-001, the renewal Water Licence (WL) for S09L8-001, as per Part E, item 1 and was identified as needed based on performance during the 5 year term of S09L8-001. The current due date is **January 20, 2016** (180 days of the effective date of the WL) and CARD has requested this deadline be extended until **March 31, 2017**. During the renewal process, CARD had indicated monitoring at the Terra Mine Site would be implemented in 2015/16 with a desktop review of all water quality monitoring studies from the Great Bear Lake sites dating back to 2002. Upon completion of the review, CARD would submit to the Board a revised Water Quality Monitoring Plan which would include a schedule for pre-remediation monitoring, updated monitoring requirements for Sawmill Bay and would identify sites for inclusion into the Surveillance Network Program.

In consideration of the information provided in the [Project Status Update](#) which indicates water quality monitoring will be implemented in 2016 as described in the documentation submitted with the renewal application (i.e. current [Water Quality Monitoring Plan](#) and [Sawmill Bay Remedial Action Plan](#)) with full details of the sampling plan to be provided to the Board in advance of the commencement of the 2016 activities, the **requested extension has been granted.**

Board staff acknowledge that due to changes to the Northern Contaminated Sites Program approach, that CARD is reevaluating the scope of the Great Bear Lake Remediation Program. This reevaluation is expected to result in a Site Stabilization Plan for implementation between 2017 and 2020 with emphasis on high risk environmental and human health and safety site issues. This change in scope is anticipated to also result in development of a Risk Management Plan and associated Long Term Monitoring Plans which would inform the renewal process for S15L8-001 (expiry July 23, 2017). Board staff also remind CARD that progress updates are expected in the **Annual Report** due March 31st for the previous calendar year.

A copy of this Extension Letter has been filed on the Public Registry at the office of the SLWB. Please be advised that this letter, all Inspection Reports, and correspondence related to this file is part of the Public Registry and is intended to keep all interested parties informed of the manner in which the Licence requirements are being met.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 598-2413 ext. 224 or email at sabrina.sturman@slwb.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sabrina Sturman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Sabrina Sturman
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