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**Memorandum RE: Approval for Movement of Treated Soils
Norman Wells Airside Land Treatment Unit
Norman Wells, Northwest Territories XOE OVO**

Dear Ms. Bergsma:

The following memo documents the sampling results for soil located within the bermed areas of the Norman Wells Airside Land Treatment Unit (LTU), located on the Norman Wells Airport lands as part of Transport Canada's (TC) Sahtu Land and Water Board Type B Water Licence S17L8-003 and Type A Land Use Permit S17X-004. This memo has been prepared by BluMetric Environmental Inc. (BluMetric) on behalf of TC.

LTU SOIL INVESTIGATIONS

BluMetric has supported the maintenance and sampling work that occurred at the Norman Wells LTU facility in 2017/2018 and has provided supervision for local contractor HRN Contracting.

Soil covering the liner within the LTU has been screened using a PID to assess the potential for hydrocarbon impacted soils and characterization soil sampling was conducted to identify any areas of suspected contamination. Soils that did not indicate the presence of contamination and did not produce elevated soil vapour readings have been stockpiled within the bermed area and

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have undergone comprehensive soil sampling to evaluate the soil quality based on the Treated Soil Criteria defined in the SLWB Type B Water Licence S17L8-003. The remaining cover soil has been grid sampled and clean grids were composited and analyzed for comparison to the Treated Soil Criteria.

BluMetric has conducted soil sampling to meet or exceed the minimum sampling requirements for LTU closure outlined by the SLWB Water Licence (S17L8-003). The volume of soil within the grids was used to determine the number of composite samples required and is presented in Table 1 below. A summary of stockpile size and the number of soil samples collected and analyzed is presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Stockpile Sampling Summary

Stockpile Number	Estimated Volume (m ³)	Total # of Composite Soil Samples Collected
Grid Area	260 m ³	2 (Composite Samples 7 and 8)

According to Water Licence S17L8-003, soil volumes of 51 m³ – 500 m³ require two (2) composite samples. The sampling densities presented in Table 1 above meet or exceed this requirement.

Soil samples were submitted to ALS Laboratories in Edmonton, AB for rush analyses.

The analytical results for the stockpiles were reviewed and are presented in Tables A-1 through A-5 in Attachment A. No exceedances of the SLWB Water Licence Treated Soil criteria were noted.

BluMetric is requesting permission to move these soil stockpiles out of the LTU bermed area and into the previously approved laydown area in order to facilitate further characterization of the cover soils and to conduct the sub-liner confirmatory test pitting. Your timely response to this request is appreciated in order to ensure continuity on the work site as we would like to complete the sub-liner characterization prior to freeze-up.

CLOSURE

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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List of Attachments

Attachment A - LTU Stockpile Soil Chemistry Tables

Attachment A:
Norman Wells Airside LTU – Stockpile Soil Chemistry Results

Table A-1 - Stockpile Soil Sample Analytical Results - Metals

Sample ID	ALS MDL	Maxxam RDL	Units	Water Licence Criteria ¹	COMPOSITE SAMPLE 7	COMPOSITE SAMPLE 8
Date Sampled					10-Oct-2018	10-Oct-2018
Sample ID					L2179823-17	L2183046-8
Moisture						
Moisture	0.25	0.3	%	NV	15.4	14.6
pH						
pH	0.10	NV	pH	6.5-8.5	7.93	8
Metals						
Antimony (Sb)	0.10	0.5	mg/kg	40	0.91	0.8
Arsenic (As)	0.10	1	mg/kg	120	14.7	15.2
Barium (Ba)	0.50	1	mg/kg	2000	317	312
Beryllium (Be)	0.10	0.4	mg/kg	8	0.65	0.59
Cadmium (Cd)	0.020	0.05	mg/kg	22	0.453	0.416
Chromium (Cr)	0.50	1	mg/kg	87	33	27.8
Cobalt (Co)	0.10	0.5	mg/kg	300	11.8	11.5
Copper (Cu)	0.50	1	mg/kg	91	24.2	23.4
Lead (Pb)	0.50	0.5	mg/kg	260	15	18.1
Mercury (Hg)	0.0050	0.05	mg/kg	24	0.0731	0.0618
Molybdenum (Mo)	0.10	0.4	mg/kg	40	11.2	8.96
Nickel (Ni)	0.50	1	mg/kg	89	45.5	41.3
Selenium (Se)	0.20	0.5	mg/kg	3.9	1.31	1.12
Silver (Ag)	0.10	0.2	mg/kg	40	0.16	0.13
Thallium (Tl)	0.050	0.1	mg/kg	1	0.718	0.584
Tin (Sn)	2.0	1	mg/kg	100	<2.0	<2.0
Uranium (U)	0.05	0.2	mg/kg	300	2.54	2.04
Vanadium (V)	0.20	1	mg/kg	130	56	50
Zinc (Zn)	2.0	10	mg/kg	360	109	110
Hexavalent Chromium	0.10	0.08	mg/kg	NV	<0.10	<0.10

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Table A-2 - Stockpile Soil Sample Analytical Results - Petroleum Hydrocarbons and BTEX

Sample ID	ALS MDL	Units	Water Licence Criteria ¹	COMPOSITE SAMPLE 7	COMPOSITE SAMPLE 8
Date Sampled				10-Oct-2018	10-Oct-2018
ALS Sample ID				L2179823-17	L2183046-8
Volatile Organic Compounds					
Benzene	0.0050	mg/kg	5	<i>0.040</i>	<i>0.014</i>
Ethylbenzene	0.010	mg/kg	20	<i>0.148</i>	<i>0.076</i>
Toluene	0.050	mg/kg	0.8	<i><0.050</i>	<i><0.050</i>
ortho-Xylene	0.050	mg/kg	NV	<i>0.068</i>	<i><0.050</i>
meta- & para-Xylene	0.050	mg/kg	NV	<i>0.125</i>	<i>0.067</i>
Xylenes (Total)	0.10	mg/kg	20	<i>0.59</i>	<i><0.10</i>
F1 (C6-C10)	10	mg/kg	660	<i>54</i>	<i>61</i>
F1-BTEX	10	mg/kg	NV	<i>54</i>	<i>61</i>
Hydrocarbons					
F2 (C10-C16 Hydrocarbons)	10	mg/kg	1500	<i>78</i>	<i>74</i>
F2-Naphth	20	mg/kg	NV	NV	NV
F3 (C16-C34 Hydrocarbons)	50	mg/kg	2500	<i>123</i>	<i>153</i>
F3-PAH	20	mg/kg	NV	NV	NV
F4 (C34-C50 Hydrocarbons)	50	mg/kg	6600	<i><50</i>	<i>74</i>
Heavy Hydrocarbons					
F4G-SG (Heavy Hydrocarbons-Grav.)	500	mg/kg	6600	<i><500</i>	<i><500</i>

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Note - Italicized values indicate an average concentration of compiled representative discrete samples analyzed for F1 and BTEX from the grid sampling. Non-detects were represented as half of the MDL when used to calculate the average concentration.

Table A-3 - Stockpile Soil Sample Analytical Results - PAHs

Sample ID	ALS MDL	Units	Water Licence Criteria ¹	COMPOSITE SAMPLE 7	COMPOSITE SAMPLE 8
Date Sampled				10-Oct-2018	10-Oct-2018
Sample ID				L2179823-17	L2183046-8
Acenaphthene	0.0050	mg/kg	NV	<0.0050	<0.0090
Acenaphthylene	0.0050	mg/kg	NV	<0.0050	<0.0050
Anthracene	0.0040	mg/kg	NV	<0.0040	<0.0040
Benz(a)anthracene	0.0100	mg/kg	10	<0.010	0.013
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.0100	mg/kg	0.7	<0.010	0.017
Benzo(b&j)fluoranthene	0.0100	mg/kg	10	0.016	0.033
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	0.0100	mg/kg	NV	0.013	0.02
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	0.0100	mg/kg	10	<0.010	<0.010
Chrysene	0.0100	mg/kg	NV	0.022	0.031
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	0.0050	mg/kg	10	<0.0050	<0.0050
Fluoranthene	0.0100	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	0.026
Fluorene	0.0100	mg/kg	NV	0.013	<0.010
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene	0.0100	mg/kg	10	0.012	0.022
Naphthalene	0.0100	mg/kg	22	0.057	0.026
Phenanthrene	0.0400	mg/kg	50	0.043	0.045
Pyrene	0.0100	mg/kg	100	0.014	0.028
IACR:Coarse	0.1500	mg/kg	NV	<0.050	0.053
IACR:Fine	0.1500	mg/kg	NV	0.065	0.101
IACR (CCME)	0.1500	mg/kg	NV	NV	NV
B(a)P Total Potency Equivalent	0.0200	mg/kg	NV	<0.020	0.027

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Table A-4 - Stockpile Soil Sample Analytical Results - PCBs

Sample ID	ALS MDL	Maxxam RDL	Units	Water Licence Criteria ¹	COMPOSITE SAMPLE 7	COMPOSITE SAMPLE 8
Date Sampled					10-Oct-2018	10-Oct-2018
ALS Sample ID					L2179823-17	L2183046-8
Aroclor 1016	0.010	0.10	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	<0.010
Aroclor 1221	0.010	0.10	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	<0.010
Aroclor 1232	0.010	0.10	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	<0.010
Aroclor 1242	0.010	0.10	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	<0.010
Aroclor 1248	0.010	0.10	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	<0.010
Aroclor 1254	0.010	0.10	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	<0.010
Aroclor 1260	0.010	0.10	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	<0.010
Aroclor 1262	0.010	0.10	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	<0.010
Aroclor 1268	0.010	0.10	mg/kg	NV	<0.010	<0.010
Total PCBs	0.050	0.10	mg/kg	33	<0.050	<0.050

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NV - No Value

MDL - Method Detection Limit

Table A-5: LTU Soil - PFAS Analytical Results

Sample ID	MDL	Units	Water Licence Criteria ¹	11S	11D	12S	12D	13S	13D	14S	14D	DUP 3	
Date Sampled				8-Jul-17	8-Jul-17	8-Jul-17	8-Jul-17	8-Jul-17	8-Jul-17	8-Jul-17	8-Jul-17	8-Jul-17	8-Jul-17
ALS Sample ID				ESQ209	ESQ210	ESQ211	ESQ212	ESQ213	ESQ214	ESQ215	ESQ216	ESQ217	
Perfluorobutane Sulfonate (PFBS)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorobutanoic acid	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorodecane Sulfonate	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorodecanoic Acid (PFDA)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorododecanoic Acid (PFDoA)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluoroheptane sulfonate	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluoroheptanoic Acid (PFHpA)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	1.2	1.6	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorohexane Sulfonate (PFHxS)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	1.2	1.8	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluoro-n-Octanoic Acid (PFOA)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	1.9	2.6	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorononanoic Acid (PFNA)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorooctane Sulfonamide (PFOSA)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS)	ug/kg	1.0	210	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluoropentanoic Acid (PFPeA)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	1.5	2.2	1.5	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorotetradecanoic Acid	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluorotridecanoic Acid	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
Perfluoroundecanoic Acid (PFUnA)	ug/kg	1.0	NV	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
PFOS/PFOA Screening Approach (≤ 1) ²	N/A	N/A	NV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0015	0.0020	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Notes:

- 1 - Type B Water Licence S17L8-003 & Type A Land Use Permit S17X-004
- 2 - Health Canada's recommended screening approach when both PFOS and PFOA concentrations are detected

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