



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 S18L3-001 (Type "B")

This is the decision of the Sahtu Land & Water Board with respect to an application for a Water Licence dated March 9, 2018 made by:

Deline Got'ine Government
P.O. Box 156
Deline NT X0E 0G0

for: the undertaking of use of Water for Municipal purposes and Disposal of Municipal Wastes at Deline Northwest Territories.

With respect to this application, written notice was given to 9 organizations within the Sahtu Settlement Area and 13 outside of the settlement area in accordance with Sections 63 & 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management 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 mitigatable 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 S18L3-001 will be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

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 S18L3-001, pursuant to the MVRMA and the *Waters Act*, will ensure that any potential environmental impacts resulting from this activity are not significant;
- Conducting the undertaking in compliance with the terms and conditions imposed by the Licence will minimize any disturbance to the natural conditions of surrounding water bodies;
- The renewal of Licence S18L3-001 appears to the Board to be in the public interest and no objection to the renewal was brought to the attention of the Board.
- Including a new series of SNP groundwater monitoring wells will measure the extent and magnitude of groundwater leachates contamination (if any) underneath and/or migrating offsite of the Temporary SWF and the abandoned sewage lagoon.
- An increased suite of parameters have been included for monitoring of the SNP stations due to lack of prior SNP monitoring data and the need to verify potential contaminants of concern.
- There is an obvious requirement that the Applicant provide municipal water and waste disposal services to its residents which contributes to the socio-economic well-being of the Community.
- The use of water and/or deposit of waste proposed by the Applicant is of a nature contemplated by the MVRMA and the *Waters Act*.

The Applicant has been notified through a provision included in the scope of the Water Licence S18L3-001, that compliance with the term and conditions of this Licence has no effect on the Licensee's responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation.

The Board will provide any referenced material or documents and/or reasons for decision for any specific clause or clauses contained within the application if requested to do so in writing.

SIGNED this 19th day of April, 2018 on behalf of the SAHTU Land & Water Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Violet Doolittle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end.

Violet Doolittle (A/Chair)
SAHTU Land & Water Board