



Sahtu Land & Water Board
REASONS FOR DECISION
Issued Pursuant to Section 72.25 of
The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act
and Section 40 (2) (c) of
The Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations

Land Use Permit S19S-002 (Type "A")

This is the decision of the Sahtu Land & Water Board with respect to the application deemed complete January 31, 2019 for issuance of a Land Use Permit made by:

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for: the undertaking of geotechnical and environmental investigations at three sites within the municipal boundaries of Tulita, Sahtu Region, NT.

With respect to this application, written notice was given to 15 organizations within the Sahtu Settlement Area and 23 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:

Land Use Permit S19S-002 will be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

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

- No significant or unmitigable public concerns has been made known to the Board;
- The project was screened by the Board on March 8, 2019 and identified that any environmental impacts can be mitigated with known technologies and that no significant public concerns were noted;
- 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 S19S-002, pursuant to the MVRMA, will ensure that any potential environmental impacts resulting from this activity are not significant. The effects of the Project on the environment can take place in an environmentally responsible manner provided that environmental considerations and mitigation measures outlined in the Land Use Permit application documents are followed;
- The Board has included a non-standard condition to address the potential for drilling activity to disrupt a buried historic pipeline in the vicinity of Plane Lake Drive;
- It is the opinion of the Board, based on comprehensive review of the information presented by the Applicant and reviewers and in consideration of the terms and conditions included in S19S-002 that the undertaking conforms with the Sahtu Land Use Plan in accordance with section 46 of the MVRMA;
- Wood E&IS will continue comprehensive, meaningful and ongoing engagement efforts with the local communities to address concerns and to improve understanding of Project activities and potential effects; and

- The use of land proposed by the Proponent is of a nature contemplated by the MVRMA.

Land Use Permit S19S-002 contains provisions that the Board feels necessary to ensure and monitor compliance with the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and the Regulations made thereunder and to provide appropriate safeguards in respect of the Applicant's use of the lands affected by the Permit.

The Proponent has been notified through a provision included in the scope of the Land Use Permit S19S-002, that compliance with the term and conditions of this Permit has no effect on the Permittee'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 8th day of March, 2019 on behalf of the SAHTU Land & Water Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Wallace', is written over a horizontal line.

Larry Wallace (Chair)
SAHTU Land & Water Board