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W2020L8-0002

Alexis Campbell
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Sent via email

Dear Alexis Campbell,

RE: Information Request - NWT Highway 3 Km 240-243 Repair Works

Rule 61 of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Boards' Rules of Procedure states that the Board may issue an Information Request to any Party at any stage of any Proceeding. The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF) submitted a complete Water Licence Application (W2020L8-0002) to conduct repair works that will include the construction of an embankment by placing fill along Highway 3 between kilometers 240 and 243. The Application was distributed for public review and reviewer comments and recommendations and proponent responses are available on the WLWB Online Registry.¹

During the public review, Board staff identified that the installation of a culvert was included in the Spill Contingency Plan but was not mentioned in the Water Licence Application, and requested GNWT-INF to confirm whether it planned to install culverts as part of its operation (Board staff comment 5). In GNWT-INF's response, GNWT-INF stated that the contractor will be installing a single 0.8 mm diameter culvert at km 242+260 at a location that is almost dry and there is no running water. According to GNWT-INF, no infill will be placed into the water. GNWT-INF's application did not indicate that a culvert would be installed during this operation, thus this information was not circulated during the public review.

The GNWT-INF is requested to submit the following information:

- Confirm the size and location (i.e., coordinates) of the culvert that will be installed;²
- Confirm whether this culvert is new or will be replacing an existing culvert;
- Describe all potential impacts and mitigations associated with placing or replacing the above culvert. If there are no additional impacts or mitigations, please provide rationale.

¹ See WLWB Online Registry for [GNWT-INF - NWT Hwy 3 Repair Works - Review Summary and Attachments - Nov 16 20](#)

² Board staff note that GNWT-INF's response during the public review indicated that the culvert would be 0.8 mm in diameter

Please submit this information on or before 5:00 pm MST on Wednesday, December 10, 2020. The Board will provide an opportunity for Parties and the public to comment on the response once it is received from GNWT-INF. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Information Request, please feel free to contact Ryan Fequet at rfequet@wlwb.ca or 867-765-4589.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Fequet', with a stylized, cursive style.

Ryan Fequet
Executive Director, Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board

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