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Via Online Submission

RE: G16Q001 – L.J.'s Septic Services and Contracting Ltd. – Quarrying at Frog Creek –Type A Land Use Permit

Attention: Conrad Baetz

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Gwich'in Land and Water Board from L.J.'s Septic Services and Contracting Ltd. (the Proponent) regarding the above-mentioned Type A Land Use Permit and provides the following information for consideration with respect to the Spill Contingency Plan:

- In the case of a spill or emergency, the 24 Hour Northwest Territories Spill Report Line should be contacted first by the Proponent, who will then involve EC Emergencies when appropriate.
- For information relating to the environmental enforcement and reporting requirements under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)* and the *Fisheries Act (FA)* please contact Craig Broome at 867-669-4730.
- The ECCC National Environmental Emergencies Centre (NEEC) provides technical and scientific environmental advice and assistance to the lead agency, in the event of an environmental emergency. A lead agency is described as the governmental authority that regulates or has authority over the activity from which the emergency originated. NEEC can be contacted at 1-866-283-2333.
- ECCC is not responsible (the lead agency) for all spills on federal lands. ECCC acts as a lead agency in NT and NU pursuant to its Environmental Emergencies Response Operations Plan in the following cases:
 - When a designated federal department or agency is also recognized as a Response Party for spills to any receiving environment; and

- When the environment is not appropriately protected, there are no other agencies with relevant authorities, and the event is under ECCC's jurisdiction (FA, CEPA and MBCA).

The Proponent is still required to comply with its obligations under relevant legislation, including the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act (FA)*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA)*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4744 or loretta.ransom@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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