



## GWICH'IN LAND AND WATER BOARD

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### Reason for Decision

Issued pursuant to paragraph 40(2)(c) of the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations* (MVLUR)

File Number:	G18X002	Type:	"A" Land Use Permit
Applicant:	GNWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources		
Activity:	Drilling for groundwater monitoring well installation – Inuvik, NT		
Board Meeting:	July 24, 2018		

With respect to this application, notice was given in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). There was no public hearing held in association with this application.

### BACKGROUND

On June 19, 2018, the GNWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources submitted an application for a Type "A" Land Use Permit for the purpose of drilling to install groundwater monitoring wells at two locations at Inuvik, NT. The applicant requested a term of 5 years, with a proposed start date in July 2018. Board staff completed a conformity check of the documents submitted with the application and deemed it complete on June 20, at which time the application was distributed for comment and review, with reviewer comments due July 11, 2018. Submissions were received from GNWT Environment and Natural Resources, the Gwich'in Tribal Council Department of Cultural Heritage, the Nihtat Gwich'in Council and the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board.


## DECISION

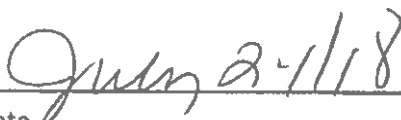
After reviewing the submission of the Applicant and the written comments and submissions received by the Board, and having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope, and intent of the MVRMA and the Regulations made thereunder, the Board has determined that: Land Use Permit G18X002 be issued, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

The Board's reasons for this decision are set out below:

- The Board is satisfied that adequate consultation has been conducted and that advice has been sought and considered in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA.
- No significant or unmitigable public concern was made known to the Board.
- The use of land proposed by the Applicant is of a nature contemplated by the MVRMA.
- Any potential adverse environmental effects are insignificant or mitigable with known technology.
- The operation will likely contribute to the socio-economic well-being and economic development of the region.
- The Board has reviewed the information contained in the Staff Report dated July 16, 2018 regarding environmental impacts and/or public concerns.
- It is the opinion of the Board that the terms and conditions attached to G18X002, pursuant to the MVRMA, will significantly reduce the potential environmental impacts resulting from the project.
- The Board has notified the Applicant, through a statement included in the scope of this Permit, that compliance with the terms and conditions of this Permit does not absolve the Permittee from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation

## SIGNATURE

  
Elizabeth Wright,  
Chair, Gwich'in Land and Water Board

  
Date