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File: G19H010

Mr. Mark Cliffe-Phillips
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Sent via Email

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Land Use Permit
Fuel Storage, North Vittrekwa Tower, km 0.465 Dempster Highway #8**

The Gwich'in Land and Water Board (Board) met on January 16, 2020 and considered the Application from NorthwesTel for Type A Land Use Permit (Permit) G19H010 for Fuel Storage at its North Vittrekwa Tower site in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the Application and the public record for the proceeding. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed according to section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided **not to refer** the project to environmental assessment. The Preliminary Screening Report includes the Board's reasons for decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA (attached).

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it will proceed with the issuance of Permit G19H010 on Monday January 27, 2020.

Our Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Leonard DeBastien at (867) 777-4954.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Wright
Chair, Gwich'in Land and Water Board

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Attached: Preliminary Screening Report, including Reasons for Decision