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Hello,

I've attached a letter in regard to the condition of the Pointed Mountain site.

If you have any concerns please feel free contact me!

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Mr. Terence Hughes
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

An inspection of the Pointed Mountain Site was conducted on July 24th 2018 by Water Resource Officer Sonja Martin-Elson. During the inspection violations were identified. The violation constitutes an offence under section 4 of the *WATERS ACT REGULATIONS R-019-2014*, which states:

- 4. (1) A person may use water and deposit waste without a licence if the proposed use or deposit*
(a) has no potential for significant adverse environmental effects;

Results shown in the 2017 Long-Term Monitoring report released for Pointed Mountain show that chloride levels down gradient from the surge pond exceed the standard set out by the Canadian Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life. Samples taken in the marsh area down gradient from the surge pond also show levels exceeding the standard.

The only source of Chloride in the area is from that surge pond and it never exists in its free form in the environment. Because of this the surge pond is causing significant adverse environmental effects down gradient. Chloride is toxic to aquatic life. Down gradient there is Fisherman's Lake which the community uses for various activities such as fishing. Chloride also affects vegetation and wildlife. Large trees down gradient of the surge pond are dead and the spread of them is visible from the air. There is no natural process by which chlorides are broken down, metabolized, taken up, or removed from the environment; which means it will remain there until cleaned up.

It is the recommendation of this inspector that the Pointed Mountain Site MV2014X0011 needs a Water Licence to be in compliance with the Waters Act.

Sincerely

Sonja Martin-Elson



Cc.

Jamie Chambers, Regional Superintendent, GNWT ENR

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