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Sent by e-mail

Dear Chris Moger,

**Re: Suncor Energy Inc. – Land Use Permit Application Incomplete – Tathlina N-18 Abandonment and Reclamation Program – Tathlina Lake, NT**

On July 6, 2021, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) staff received the Application for Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2021X0015<sup>1</sup> for the Tathlina N-18 Abandonment and Reclamation Program from Suncor Energy Inc. (Suncor).

The Application has been reviewed and found to be lacking information required under section 19 and paragraph 22(1)(a) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR). For the Application to be considered complete, refer to the MVLWB *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process*<sup>2</sup> (Guide) and submit the following information to the Board's office:

1. Name And Contact Information – Applicant's Head Office: As described in section 3.2, item 2 of the Guide, companies must be in good standing and registered with GNWT [Corporate Registries](#) to do business in the Northwest Territories, and must provide a copy of their current NWT Certificate of Registration in the application package. The operating licence document submitted does not satisfy this requirement.
2. Spill Contingency Plan/Information: As described in section 3.2, item 15 of the Guide, a Spill Contingency Plan, or for small-scale projects, spill contingency information, can be included in the grey field provided on the Application Form. Guidance is provided in the INAC [Guidelines for Spill Contingency Planning](#) and should include the following information:
  - a. Introduction, including project and site description;
  - b. Site map with locations of potential spill materials and spill response resources;
  - c. Response organization description;

<sup>1</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2021X0015](#).

<sup>2</sup> MVLWB (2020) [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#).

- d. Description of all potential spill types, sources, sizes, and potential effects;
- e. Description of worst-case scenario for the site;
- f. Action plan(s) (for all spill types or for different spill categories), with procedures for:
  - i. initial action,
  - ii. reporting and updates,
  - iii. containing and cleaning up the spill,
  - iv. managing spill-related wastes, and
  - v. restoring affected areas and completing clean-up;
- g. Spill response resource inventory;
- h. Description of training programs; and
- i. Description of how the plan will be reviewed and revised.

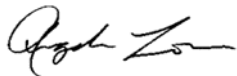
The Emergency Response Plan submitted covers all of Suncor's sites for the drilling, completions, and logistics and is not site specific to the Tathlina N-18 Abandonment and Reclamation Program.

- 3. Proposed Time Schedule: On the Application Form the term of the Permit requested is from June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2027. The Board cannot issue for a future date, but on the date the Board makes its decision. As per subsection 22(2) of the MVLUR, the Board has 42 days after receipt of the complete application to make a decision.
- 4. Closure and Reclamation: As described in section 3.2, item 15 of the Guide, the applicant must develop a closure cost estimate to include in the application package. The Closure Cost Estimate Worksheet is attached.
- 5. Additional Supporting Information: The application must include an engagement plan. The submitted document is still in draft form. The Board cannot make determinations on draft plans.
- 6. Fees: All fees should be mailed to the Board as soon as possible; applications cannot be deemed complete until those fees are received by the Board, or proof that the fees have been sent, is received by the Board.

Upon receipt of this information, the Application will be reviewed as per the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. If this information is not provided within 90 days of the date of this letter, staff will return the Application as per section 25 of the MVLUR.

Please contact [Angela Love](#) at (867) 766-7456 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Copied to: Margot Ferguson – Consultant to Suncor Energy Inc.  
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Attached: Closure Cost Estimate Worksheet