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sent by email

Dear Kirk Dolphus,

**Re: Déljine Got'jine Government Water Licence S18L3-001 Annual Reports 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020**

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (Board) met on July 5, 2022 and reviewed Déljine Got'jine Government (DGG) 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Annual Water Licence Reports (Annual Reports), submitted to fulfill Part B, condition 16 and Schedule 1 of municipal Water Licence (Licence) S18L3-001.

The Board acknowledges and appreciates the submission of the 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 Annual Reports which are due by March 31 of each year. The Board noted inconsistent recording of water usage and Surveillance Network Program monitoring, and groundwater stations have not been included in the sampling. The Board also notes that the 2021 Annual Water Licence Report is outstanding.

The Board would like to emphasize that all aspects of the Surveillance Network Program (SNP) monitoring are important for evaluation of sewage treatment facility performance and the tracking of leachate and runoff quality from the solid waste disposal facilities and water quality of the receiving wetlands. Training of staff, and management of sampling activities and timing is critical for a successful monitoring program that meets the requirements of the Licence.

To assist in the preparation of these Annual Reports, Board staff have prepared an Annual Report Template (attached) that includes all current reporting requirements for use in future reporting years and instructions on how to fill it in.

The online public review of the Annual Reports is undertaken to allow reviewers to comment on and make recommendations for improvement or to seek clarification of information. Time is provided for the Proponent (DGG) to respond to these comments. The Board provided additional time for responses, but none were received by the meeting date.

From the comments received, we note that there is ongoing confusion about:

- Whether the new SWDF has been approved by the GNWT-ENR for use (Inspector letter of approval to initiate use [January 7, 2021](#)).
- Timelines for implementation of the [March 9, 2015](#) SLWB approved [Landfill and Sewage Lagoon Closure and Reclamation Plan](#) and commitments made by MACA and GNWT-ENR in this process.
- Management and final disposal options for hazardous wastes.
- Responsibility for monitoring groundwater sampling stations that MACA has installed in Sahtu communities.
- Reasons for Effluent Quality Criteria exceedances at SNP 0555-4, and what actions/approaches will be taken to improve the quality of wastewater prior to entering the wetland.
- Monitoring of lagoon sludge depth/volume, and decanting/sludge removal procedures.
- Whether operation of the homemade incinerators has been discontinued.
- Training opportunities and resources for ensuring annual SNP monitoring is performed.
- Outstanding submissions and action items that need to be addressed for the upcoming Water Licence Renewal regulatory process

These concerns and issues will need to be resolved through a meeting (preferably on-site but potentially virtual) with DGG and parties having roles and responsibilities for municipal compliance including the Government of the Northwest Territories - Environment and Natural Resources and Municipal and Community Affairs. Sahtu Land and Water Board will organize this meeting with the objective to gain resolution on issues and/or identify actions for follow up that will assist DGG with meeting their monitoring and reporting requirements for better compliance with Licence conditions.

Finally, the Board would like to remind DGG that the current Licence is set to expire on May 4, 2023 and will need to commence with submission of an application to the Board within the next three to four months.

The full cooperation of the Déljñę Got'jñę Government is anticipated and appreciated. Board staff are available to assist the DGG Local Services and their consultants to address the requirements of the Water Licence and prepare documents for submission for the Water Licence renewal. Please contact Marie Nietfeld, Regulatory Specialist, at [mniefeld@slwb.com](mailto:mniefeld@slwb.com) with any questions or clarifications.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Sahtu Land and Water Board

Attach: S18L3-001 Déljñę Annual Report Template (updated)

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