

Reviewer Comments and Proponent Responses

Project: Town of Norman Wells
Board: Sahtu Land and Water Board
Proponent: Town of Norman Wells

File Number: S18L3-003
Review Comments Due: December 16, 2024
Proponent Responses Due: January 27, 2025

No.	Topic	Reviewer Comment	Reviewer Recommendation	Proponent Response
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) - Ms. Anna-Maija LaFlamme				
1		DFO has reviewed the Town of Norman Wells, 2023 Annual Water Licence Report, file number: S18L3-003 in accordance with DFO's mandate and has no comments at this time.	DFO has no recommendations at this time.	

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GNWT-ECC (Environment and Climate Change) - Environmental Regulatory Analyst				
1	GNWT-ECC cover letter	<p>The Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC), Government of the Northwest Territories has reviewed the application at reference based on its mandated responsibilities under the Waters Act. ECC has provided comments and recommendations on the Online Review System for the consideration of the Sahtu Land and Water Board at this time.</p> <p>Please contact Novelyne Bordey, Intern – Pollution Control Specialist with the Water Management and Monitoring Division at Novelyne_Bordey@gov.nt.ca if you have any technical questions.</p> <p>Please contact GNWT_EA@gov.nt.ca with any general questions or concerns.</p>	N/A	
2	Section 2. Solid Waste Disposal	Part D, Condition 15 of the water licence states “The Licensee shall collect windblown litter in the Solid Waste Disposal Facility and surrounding lands, once in the spring and again in the fall of every year for the duration of the Water Licence”. The 2023 Annual Water Licence Report does not confirm that windblown litter were collected in the spring and fall.	The Government of Northwest Territories, Department of Environment and Climate Change (GNWT-ECC) recommends the Town of Norman Wells clarify whether windblown litter were collected in the Solid Waste Disposal Facility and surrounding lands in the spring and fall.	The Town of Norman Wells collects windblown litter in the Solid Waste Disposal Facility and surrounding lands in the spring and fall of every year. The town confirms this was done in 2023.
3	Appendix B. SNP Sample Locations Map	The map in Appendix B dated March 28, 2017, is outdated and does not include SNP Stations S07L3-002 (4) and (5). Table 4 includes an approximate location of these groundwater wells but is not shown on the map provided in Appendix B.	GNWT-ECC recommends the Town of Norman Wells update the provided SNP Site Map to use a more recent map as well as to include SNP Stations S07L3-002 (4) and (5).	The town will provide an updated map with our 2024 water licence annual report.
4	Table 4 – Sampling Station Locations	Table 4 shows SNP Station S07L3-002-(6) discontinued for sampling but does not specify why this has stopped and if future sampling at this station is planned.	GNWT-ECC recommends Town of Norman Wells specify why sampling at SNP Station S07L3-002-(6) has been discontinued.	The town's current water licence (S18L3-003) lists SNP station S07L3-002-(6) as discontinued. You can see this in the "sampling frequency" column at the bottom of page 20 of the town's water licence.
5	Table 8 SNP	Table 4 – Sampling Station Locations	GNWT-ECC recommends the Town	The Town of Norman Wells will w

	<p>Station S07L3-002 - (4) and (5) Groundwater Monitoring Results</p>	<p>ons indicate SNP Station S07L3-002-(4) and (5) are groundwater wells that are sampled twice a year. Table 8 SNP Station S07L3-002 - (4) and (5) Groundwater Monitoring Results do not include any results from these sampling. Further, the 2023 Annual Water Licence Report states that town staff have not received sampling procedure training for the groundwater wells installed at the solid waste disposal facility.</p>	<p>n of Norman Wells schedule appropriate training for sampling groundwater wells as soon as possible to collect data from SNP Station S07L3-002 - (4) and (5) to be included in all future annual reports.</p>	<p>ork with MACA to investigate procedures to sample from these wells so the test results from these stations can be included in future annual reports.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Reported Spill - Correspondence with Inspector</p>	<p>Section 9 of the report requires correspondence with the GNWT Water Licence Inspector be included as an attachment in the report. Water Licence S18L3-003, Part H, Conditions 3c) and d) states that in the case of a spill or unauthorized discharge associated with the project, the licensee shall within 24 hours, notify the Board and an Inspector as well as within 30 days submit a detailed report to the board and an Inspector. The Town of Norman Wells refers to Appendix A for all spill reports that occurred in 2023 but does not include any record of correspondence with an inspector for any of the spills reported.</p>	<p>GNWT-ECC recommends the Town of Norman Wells provide records of all correspondence with an Inspector including notification and submission of reports regarding the spills that occurred in 2023.</p>	<p>The town will include correspondence with an inspector in our 2024 annual report.</p>



December 16, 2024

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Dear Natalie Lippa,

Environment and Climate Change's recommendations on the Town of Norman Wells' 2023 Annual Water Licence Report (S18L3-003)

The Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC), Government of the Northwest Territories has reviewed the application at reference based on its mandated responsibilities under the *Waters Act*. ECC has provided comments and recommendations on the Online Review System for the consideration of the Sahtu Land and Water Board at this time.

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Please contact GNWT_EA@gov.nt.ca with any general questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Environment and Climate Change