



Sahtu Land & Water Board
REASONS FOR DECISION
Issued Pursuant to Section 121 of
The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act

Land Use Permit S18X-003 (Type "A")

This is the decision of the Sahtu Land & Water Board with respect to an application for a Land Use Permit deemed complete on October 1, 2018 made by:

**Transport Canada Prairie and Northern Regions –
Environmental Services, Contaminated Sites
344 Edmonton St.
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0P6**

for: installation of two groundwater monitoring wells at the Norman Wells Airport property, in the Town of Norman Wells, Northwest Territories.

With respect to this application, written notice was given to 29 organizations, 14 of which have representation within the Sahtu Settlement Area; in accordance with Sections 63 & 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. There was no Public Hearing held in association with this application.

DECISION

After having been satisfied that the project has been screened pursuant to s.124(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, and that any potential adverse environmental effects were insignificant or mitigatable with known technology, and as such the application could proceed through the regulatory process and after reviewing the submission of the Applicant and after reviewing the written comments received by the Board; the Board, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope and intent of the MVRMA and Regulations made thereunder has determined that: Land Use Permit S18X-003 will be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

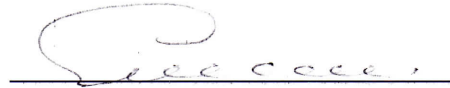
The Board's reasons for this decision are as follows:

- The Board is satisfied that appropriate consultation has been conducted and that advice has been sought and considered, in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA;
- It is the opinion of the Board that the project is exempt from Part 5 of the MVRMA for preliminary screening as the environmental impact of the development is considered to be insignificant according to the *Exemption List Regulations* as the installation of the monitoring wells will have a combined footprint of less than 100 square meters and will not entail the deposit of waste into a water body;
- It is the opinion of the Board that the terms and conditions attached to S18X-003, pursuant to the MVRMA, will ensure that any potential environmental impacts resulting from this activity are not significant;
- The undertaking contributes to the socio-economic well-being and economic development of the region and restoration and reclamation of lands;
- The Applicant has engaged with communities, interest groups and potentially affected parties to explain the proposed land use operation and address questions and concerns.
- It is the opinion of the Board that the undertaking is exempt from conformity with the Sahtu Land Use Plan as all activities occur within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Norman Wells;
- Information contained in Staff Report for S18X-003 (1) relative to environmental impacts/public concerns;
- The use of land proposed by the Permittee is of a nature contemplated by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations*.

The Applicant has been notified through a provision included in the scope of the Land Use Permit S18X-003, that compliance with the term and conditions of this Permit has no effect on the Licensee's responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation

The Board will provide any referenced material or documents and/or reasons for decision for any specific clause or clauses contained within the application if requested to do so in writing.

SIGNED this 22nd day of October, 2018 on behalf of the SAHTU Land & Water Board.

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Larry Wallace (Chair)
SAHTU Land & Water Board