

**Enbridge Pipelines (NW) Inc. (“Enbridge NW”)
Little Smith Creek 2022 Annual Water Licence Report**

**Enbridge NW Response to Government of Northwest Territories (“GNWT”) Comment
dated May 18, 2023**

Year 2 Post-Construction Environmental Monitoring Report

Comment:	<p>As part of the review of the Annual Report, the applicant has included the Year 2 Post-Construction Environmental Monitoring Report. GNWT-ECC notes that while the description on the ORS is clear that the Annual Report is not for Board approval, it is unclear if this monitoring report is for Board approval.</p> <p>GNWT-ECC notes that Table 2 of the report compares closure objectives and closure criteria to the Year 2 PCEM Results. For the results that indicate “complete”, it is unclear whether these components will continue to be monitored or if there are components of the monitoring being proposed to be discontinued.</p>
Recommendation:	<p>GNWT-ECC recommends that if the results of the Year 2 Post-Construction Environmental Monitoring Report are being used to alter any monitoring plan components, this report be re-issued for review and be for Board approval. This will ensure that all parties understand the purpose of the reports and the implications for future monitoring.</p>
Response:	<p>All components of Table 2 of the Year 2 PCEM Post-Construction Environmental Monitoring Program report (Year 2 PCEM) marked “complete” will continue to be monitored by Enbridge NW Operations as part of ongoing operations and maintenance of the Line 21 pipeline. Section 1.2 of the Year 2 PCEM states: <i>“Following the completion of the PCEM Program in 2023, Enbridge will continue monitoring the site as part of ongoing operations and maintenance of the Line 21 pipeline.”</i></p> <p>The results of the Year 2 PCEM are not being used to alter any monitoring plan components and, therefore, the Year 2 PCEM is not required to be re-issued for review and Board approval. Future monitoring will still occur for the life of the Line 21 pipeline but will be part of the operations and maintenance group and not the project construction team that was involved with the Line 21 KP158 Pipe Replacement Project at Little Smith Creek.</p>