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Sent by email kevin_chan@gov.nt.ca

Dear Kevin Chan,

**Re: Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR)
– Issuance Package – Land Use Permit S22H-003 – Fuel Storage – ENR Cabin Mile 222 Check Wildlife
Station, Tulit'a District, NT**

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (Board) met on November 17, 2022 and considered the Application Package from Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) – Sahtu regional Office (GNWT-ENR-Sahtu) for Land Use Permit S22H-003 for the Mackenzie Mountains Research and Monitoring Operations in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board has approved Land Use Permit (Permit) S22H-003 (attached) for a term of five years, effective November 18, 2022 and expiring November 17, 2027. The Permit is supported by the Board's Reasons for Decision, as follows:

- The Permit has been previously approved by the Board and the Project was carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the previous Permit S17H-002 with no issues related to compliance as documented in inspection reports on the public registry.

- The purpose of the fuel storage supports ongoing wildlife research, monitoring and enforcement activities that have been discussed and approved by local Indigenous communities and organizations.
- GNWT-ENR-Sahtu anticipates continued and ongoing discussions and engagement with local communities to address concerns and will include other stakeholders such as outfitters, lodges, and camps.

These documents are posted to the Board’s Public Registry.¹

Submission Requirements

Please refer to Annex A of the Permit for a complete summary and timetable of submissions required for the Permit. The Board’s decisions on submissions that were considered in conjunction with the Application Package are set out below.

Management Plans – Approved with minor revisions required

The Board has approved the following Plans but requires they be revised and resubmitted to include the changes detailed in the table below.

Condition Number and Title	Title of Plan (Version)	Version and Date Revisions Due
#13, WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN	Waste Management Plan (version 1.0) ²	v. 1.1 – December 1, 2022
#28 SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN	Spill Contingency Plan (version 1.0) ³	v. 1.1 – December 1, 2022

Revise and resubmit the Spill Contingency Plan (Version 1.1) to:

- Clearly state the frequency of visual inspections given that the site is remote and without continuous site presence.
- Replace “Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada” with “Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada”

Revise and resubmit the Waste Management Plan to:

- Replace “Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada” with “Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada”

Management Plans – Not Approved

The Board did not approve the **Engagement Plan**⁴ submitted with the Application Package based on evidence presented by reviewers that recommended:

- additional engagement be considered with all stakeholders and interested parties related to planned fuel storage prior to activities starting in 2023, including discussion with Canol Outfitters

¹ See SLWB Online Registry www.slwb.com for [S22H-003](#)

² See SLWB Online Registry for [S22H-003 – Waste Management Plan – Oct 19 22](#)

³ See SLWB Online Registry for [S22H-003 – Spill Contingency Plan Mile 222 – Oct 19 22](#)

⁴ See SLWB Online Registry for [S22H-003 – Engagement Plan and Log Mile 222 – Oct 19 22](#)

before storing fuel at Godlin Lake area to ensure that both land users will work together to avoid any conflicts on land use, and

- that a future revision of the engagement plan outline these current activities.

The Board requires the Engagement Plan, Version #2.0 be submitted for Board approval as set out in Permit Condition #38, SUBMIT REVISED ENGAGEMENT PLAN. The Permittee may not commence Project activities until the Plan is approved.

Inspectors

The Inspectors referred to in the Permit can be contacted at the regional GNWT-Lands offices.⁵

Permit Processes and Additional Information

Sections 5 and 6 of the Board's *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process*⁶ (Guide) contain detailed information on permit enforcement and potential post-issuance processes, such as amendments to conditions, and assignment to another company. Please be familiar with these sections of the Guide and reach out to Board staff with any questions about Board processes related to the Permit.

Full cooperation of GNWT-ENR-Sahtu is anticipated and appreciated. Please contact Bonnie Bergsma at (867) 496-2778 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Sahtu Land and Water Board

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Attached: Land Use Permit S22H-003

⁵ See GNWT-Lands Inspection and Enforcement webpage (<https://www.lands.gov.nt.ca/en/services/inspections-and-enforcement>) for regional contact information.

⁶ See SLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for MVLWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#).