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Dear Ms. Judas:

### **W2014L3-0002 Disposal of Food Waste at Old Solid Waste Site**

Further to correspondence with the Water Resource Officer, the Community Government of Behchokò is advising the Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board about the potential need to dispose of food waste at the north side of the solid waste site that is currently closed out.

The fire has resulted in a power outage and the food waste in the fridges and freezers from residents needs to be disposed of as soon as possible for sanitary reasons.

The current disposal cell (see attached) is smouldering from the fire and the full extent of the fire risk at the active cell has not been assessed. The fire may be burning beneath the surface and may change from day to day. The north end of the closed out old solid waste cell has road access and is away from any fire activities and food waste would be placed adjacent to the closed out cell and then closed out again after the food waste has been removed from homes. The food waste would be comprised of items normally found inside fridges and freezers. We expect that the total volume would vary between 500 m<sup>3</sup> - 1,000 m<sup>3</sup> but it is difficult to provide more accurate estimates at this point.

This is not an ideal situation however we need this option to remove food waste from residents in a timely manner. Please review the attachment and contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Pushp Seth  
Senior Administrative Officer  
Community Government of Behchokò

Attachment: Food Waste Disposal Options

cc. Ms. Meaghan MacIntyre-Newell  
Water Resource Officer – North Slave Region  
Environment and Climate Change - GNWT

Current state of Solid Waste Site with food waste disposal options

Berm that will need to be removed

Active Disposal Cell burning with fire suppression activities

Downed Tree

6  
1

Best Option with active cell burning

Next Option if Fire is no longer a risk

Smoke and burned exposed legacy waste observed



1: Smoldering active face





6: Panoramic of current SWS



Active Face at time of fire  
currently smoldering with small  
flames



Option 1 area





7: option 2 ground is dry and berms present

Berms

