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File: W2014L3-0002

Curtis Coleman  
A/Senior Administrative Officer  
Community Government of Behchoko  
P/O Box 68  
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Sent via email

Dear Curtis Coleman,

**RE: Version 1.1 of the Efficacy Studies and Version 2.1 of the Sewage Disposal Facilities Operation and Maintenance Plan**

The Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (the Board) received Version 1.1 of the Community of Behchokq's (CGB) Efficacy Studies and Version 2.1 of the CGB's Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan for the Sewage Disposal Facilities (SDF) for Rae and Edzo on October 27, 2021.<sup>1,2,3</sup> These submissions were requirements of Water Licence W2014L3-0002 and the Board's July 29, 2021 Reasons for Decision.<sup>4</sup>

Version 1.1 of the Efficacy Studies and Version 2.1 of the SDF O&M Plan were not distributed for public review because the revisions that were included were straightforward and did not include changes beyond those required to address the Board's direction. The Board has confirmed that the revisions are reflective of the Boards' direction and has thus approved Versions 1.1 of the Efficacy Studies and Version 2.1 of the SDF O&M Plan.

Version 2.1 of the SDF O&M Plan outlined the Plan for sludge removal as required by the Board's July 29, 2021 Reasons for Decision. The sludge removal was to begin during the open water season of 2021, but the schedule indicates that it is anticipated to occur in summer 2022. The Board understands that the Community of Behchokq was under tight restrictions this summer and fall as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which may have contributed to no sludge removal being initiated in 2021. The Board looks forward to an update on the sludge removal activities in 2022.

<sup>1</sup> See WLWB ([www.wlwb.ca](http://www.wlwb.ca)) Online Registry for [W2014L3-0002 - Behchoko - Rae SDF Efficacy Study - V1.1 - Oct 27\\_21](#)

<sup>2</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [W2014L3-0002 - Behchoko - Edzo SDF Efficacy Study - V1.1 - Oct 27\\_21](#)

<sup>3</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [W2014L3-0002 - Behchoko - Sewage Disposal Facility - O and M Plan - V2.1 - Oct 27\\_21](#)

<sup>4</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [W2014L3-0002 - Behchoko - SDF - O and M Plan - V2.0 - Reasons for Decision - Jul 29\\_21](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mason Mantla', written in a cursive style.

Mason Mantla  
Chair, Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board

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