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Sent via email

Dear Ziaur Rahman,

Re: Decision on Version 2.0 of the Permafrost Management Plan

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (Board) met on May 6, 2020 and considered Version 2.0 of the Government of the Northwest Territories-Department of Infrastructure's Permafrost Management Plan.¹ Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board both commented on the public review but neither party had any recommendations. No other comments or recommendations were received and only Board staff asked questions during the public review. Reviewer comments and recommendations and the Licensee's responses are available on the WLWB Online registry.² The Board understands that thermistor readings will continue post-construction twice a year until permafrost temperature readings stabilize (i.e., one reading per year for two consecutive years) and then monitoring will occur once a year.

The Board has no further concerns and has approved Version 2.0 of the Permafrost Management Plan. The Board notes that thermistor cables were damaged during Construction and expect that these be fixed to ensure that GNWT-INF continues monitoring permafrost conditions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Mackenzie".

Joe Mackenzie
Chair, Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

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¹ See WLWB (www.wlwb.ca) Online Registry for [W2016L8-0001 – TASR – Permafrost Management Plan – Version 2.0 – Feb 26 20](#)

² See WLWB Online Registry for [W2016L8-0001 – TASR – Permafrost Mgmt Plan – V2.0 – Review Summary and Attachments – Apr 20 20](#)