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Chair
Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

RE: TG Support Letter for the Proposed Rayrock Remediation Water Licence Amendment Application

Tłıchǫ Government (TG) is aware of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD's) interest in amending the Rayrock Water Licence.

According to CIRNAC-CARD, this amendment is requested to help accommodate the use of water from Sherman Lake for winter road construction, operation of a secondary containment structure for waste management and a change to the Total Suspended Solid (TSS) concentration from 15mg/l to 25mg/l.

We have discussed this proposal with CIRNAC-CARD in various meetings and we're providing this support letter to express that TG has been engaged on these changes. We do not have significant concerns with the proposal or the WLWB's proposed workplan. We would appreciate WLWB's effort in expediting the process to ensure that the remediation project schedule is maintained.

TG recognizes and respects that the WLWB is responsible for carrying out the licensing process and the Board has significant flexibility to determine the duration and intensity of the process based on the scope of the issues being considered. TG will participate in whatever process is set out by the board for this amendment.

In Tłıchǫ Unity,

Jessica Pacunayen, acting on behalf of
Ms. Violet Camsell-Blondin
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W2020L8-0003 Rayrock Type A Water Licence Amendment - Work Plan

From Larose, Megan <Megan.Larose@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca>

Date Thu 2024-09-19 3:01 PM

To Anneli Jokela <ajokela@wlwb.ca>; Brenda Van Hauvart <bvanhauvart@wlwb.ca>

Hello Anneli and Brenda,

Just touching base to advise that the CIRNAC-Resource and Land Management team do not have any comments on the draft work plan for the Rayrock water licence amendment regulatory proceeding.

Thank you,
Megan

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RE: ECC No Comments - Draft Work Plan Rayrock (Kwetj̄ᓂàà) Remediation Project Type A Water Licence Amendment

From GNWT EA <gnwt_ea@gov.nt.ca>

Date Thu 2024-09-19 2:52 PM

To Brenda Van Hauvert <bvanhauvert@wlwb.ca>; Anneli Jokela <ajokela@wlwb.ca>

Hello,

GNWT-ECC has reviewed the Rayrock (Kwetj̄ᓂàà) Remediation Project – Amendment Application draft work plan and does not have any comments for consideration of the Board at this time.

Thank you,
Shakita

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Subject: Invitation to Submit Recommendations for Type A Water Licence Amendment

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RE: Rayrock: Invitation to Submit Recommendations for Type A Water Licence Amendment

From Mallon,Stephinie (elle | she, her) (ECCC) <Stephinie.Mallon@ec.gc.ca>

Date Mon 2024-09-16 12:36 PM

To Brenda Van Hauvart <bvanhauvart@wlwb.ca>; Anneli Jokela <ajokela@wlwb.ca>

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Good Afternoon,

And thanks so much for the call just now.

As per our discussion, ECCC is requesting the additional time to allow for our experts to evaluate the changes, and provide recommendations (especially in terms of water quality and EQC's).

Thank you for this consideration,

Stephinie Mallon

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Subject: Rayrock: Invitation to Submit Recommendations for Type A Water Licence Amendment

Good Afternoon,

ECCC requests an extension of one week, until October 10, 2024, to provide recommendations for the Rayrock (Kwet̓iḡaà) Remediation Project Type A Water Licence Amendment.

Please let us know if this can be accommodated.

Thank you,

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Invitation to submit recommendations for Type A Water Licence Amendment

Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board

Project Name: Rayrock (Kwetłłzaà) Remediation Project

Proponent Name: CIRNAC-CARD (Yellowknife)

File Number: W2020L8-0003

Item Description

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (the Applicant) has submitted a complete application to amend Water Licence (Licence) W2020L8-0003. The Applicant is requesting to amend Part C, Condition 1 of the Licence to include water use from Sherman Lake to facilitate winter road construction and Part E, Condition 17, to increase the effluent quality criteria (EQC) for total suspended solids (TSS) from 15 mg /L to 25 mg/L. The Applicant is also proposing the inclusion of a containment structure as contingency for camp wastewater management.

The Applicant has requested an exemption from preliminary screening because the Applicant believes that the development, or a part thereof, has not been modified since it was previously licenced. However, Board staff note that previous Preliminary Screenings for this project did not include the proposed wastewater containment structure.

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