



February 23, 2021

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Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

**Re: CIRNAC CARD  
Water Licence Application – W2020L8-0003  
Land Use Permit Application – W2020X0005  
Rayrock Remediation Project  
Updated Work Plan Review  
Request for Comments**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories has reviewed the updated work plan at reference based on its mandated responsibilities under the *Waters Act* and provides the following comments and recommendations for the consideration of the Board.

**Topic 1: Reviewers Comments on Information Requests #18-21**

**Comment(s):**

ENR notes that there is a different due date for comments on Information Request (IR) #17 than IR #18-21. In the interest of reducing submissions and maintaining a more concise public record, it may of benefit to combine comments on IR #17 and 18-21 into single submissions from parties to the Board.

**Recommendation(s):**

- 1) ENR recommends that reviewer comments on IR #18-21 be combined into a single submission.

## Topic 2: Reviewers Comments on IR #1-16

### Comment(s):

ENR notes that there are deadlines for reviewer comments on IR #17, as well as IRs #18-21, but not for IRs #1-16. ENR understands that typically, IR responses are not issued for review. Given that the responses to IR #17 and IRs #18-21 have been issued for review, it isn't clear if the Board will be seeking reviewer comments on IRs #1-16 as well.

### Recommendation(s):

- 1) ENR recommends the Board provide clarification on whether they are seeking reviewer comments on IR# 1-16.
- 2) If comments are requested for IR#1-16, ENR recommends that the submission date be aligned with the other IRs (17-21) in the effort of maintaining a single submission and a more concise public record.

Comments and recommendations were provided by ENR technical experts in the Water Management and Monitoring Division and were coordinated and collated by the Environmental Assessment and Monitoring Section (EAM), Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change Division.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Clancy, Environmental Regulatory Analyst at (867) 767-9233 Ext: 53096 or email [patrick.clancy@gov.nt.ca](mailto:patrick.clancy@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



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