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File: W2020X0005

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Sent by e-mail

Dear Joel Gowman,

Re: CIRNAC-CARD – Land Use Permit Application Incomplete – Rayrock Remediation Project – former Rayrock Mine, NT

On September 1, 2020, Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (Board) staff received the Application for Land Use Permit (Permit) W2020X0005¹ for the Rayrock Remediation Project (Project) from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD).

The Application has been reviewed and found to be lacking information required under section 19 and paragraph 22(1)(a) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR). For the Application to be considered complete, refer to the MVLWB *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process*² (Guide) and submit the following information to the Board's office:

1. Closure and Reclamation Plan: Describe the Closure and Reclamation Plan, including any temporary closure(s) and seasonal shutdowns, in the Application Package. The Land Use Permit and Water Licence Applications require that the applicant describe plans for closure and reclamation. For larger projects, a Closure and Reclamation Plan (CRP) is typically included as part of the Application package. The Land Use Permit and Water Licence Applications submitted by CIRNAC-CARD are to undertake the Rayrock Remediation Project; therefore, the Closure and Reclamation Plan for the Project would be the same for the Land Use Permit and for the Water Licence. The updated Application Package must include a CRP or an explanation of how the CRP requirements have been addressed. It is noted that the CRP is to include Closure and Reclamation for any processes, structures, facilities, and/or Wastes that are introduced by a remediation project.

It is noted that the Application was submitted using an older version of the Application form. An up-to-date Application form can be found [here](#).

¹ See WLWB Online Registry (www.wlwb.ca) for [W2020X0005](#)

² MVLWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#).

When submitting its updated Application Package, CIRNAC-CARD is reminded to submit documents according to the *Document Submission Standards*³ with respect to submission of large electronic document (i.e., over 20 MB).

Upon receipt of this information, the Application will be reviewed as per the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. If this information is not provided within 90 days of the date of this letter, staff will return the Application as per section 25 of the MVLUR.

Please contact Anneli Jokela at (867) 765 4588 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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³ See WLWB Online 'Policies and Guidelines' webpage for [MVLWB Document Submission Standards \(2019\)](#)