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Dr. Stephen Lucas
Deputy Minister
Health Canada

Christine Hogan
Deputy Minister
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Sent via email

Dear Dr. Stephen Lucas and Christine Hogan,

Re: Request for Health Canada and ECCC Participation at the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board Public Hearing for the Kwetjjaà (Rayrock) Remediation Project

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB) regulates the use of water and deposit of waste through the issuance of water licences and land use permits in accordance with the *Waters Act* and Waters Regulations, and the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) and Mackenzie Valley Federal Areas Waters Regulations (MVFAWR). Success of the co-management system in the Mackenzie Valley and the WLWB's decision-making process relies on the meaningful involvement and expertise of all relevant Parties.

In September 2020, Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD) submitted Type A Water Licence (W2020L8-0003) and Type A Land Use Permit (W2020X0005) Applications for the Kwetjjaà (Rayrock) Remediation Project in the Northwest Territories. The resulting WLWB Proceeding is currently ongoing and a Public Hearing will be held. Given the significant role of Health Canada (HC) at this site and the likelihood of questions arising regarding HC's process and requirements and ECCC's role as technical experts, the WLWB requests the participation of HC and ECCC in the Public Hearing (currently scheduled for April 28-30, 2021).

In order to ensure the regulatory process proceeds efficiently, we ask that HC and ECCC endeavor to respond to the WLWB with confirmation of your participation in the WLWB Public Hearing by April 16, 2021. All information regarding this Proceeding, including the work plan, may be found on the WLWB's [Online Public Registry](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Fequet at 867-765-4589.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Fequet', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ryan Fequet,
Executive Director, WLWB

CC' to: Anna Graham, Environmental Assessment Officer, ECCC
Asish Mohapatra, Regional Health Assessment and Toxicology Specialist, Health Canada

BCC' to: Rayrock Distribution List