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Files: W2021L8-0003 and W2021X0008

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Sent by email

Dear Dawn Keim,

RE: Information Request – Colomac Remediation Project – Type B Water Licence and Type A Land Use Permit Proceeding

Rule 61 of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Boards' Rules of Procedure states that the Board may issue an Information Request to any Party at any stage of any Proceeding.¹ Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC-CARD) submitted a complete renewal application for a Type B Water Licence (W2021L8-0003) and an application for a new Type A Land Use Permit (W2021X0008) on October 8, 2021 for the Colomac Remediation Project (the Project).² The Applications were distributed for public review on October 15, 2021. Comments and recommendations for the Applications were due November 15, 2021; CIRNAC-CARD provided responses by the response deadline of November 29, 2021.³

In response to several comments and recommendations from reviewers regarding the Draft Licence, the Draft Permit, and the management plans associated with the Applications, CIRNAC-CARD responded with the following statement: "this will be addressed in the final version". Given that no other versions of a Draft Licence, a Draft Permit, or of the management plans are expected as part of the proceeding, this public review period was the opportunity for CIRNAC-CARD to provide the Board with its position and rationale for agreeing or disagreeing with recommendations, providing the Board with any information that may have been identified as missing, and/or providing clarifications requested by reviewers. These responses will be used by the Board to inform its decision for the issuance of the Water Licence and Permit.

¹ See www.wlwb.ca for [Rules of Procedure](#) under the Resources tab

² See WLWB Online Review System for [Colomac Type B Water Licence and Type A Land Use Permit Item for Review](#)

³ Ibid

The Board is thus requesting that CIRNAC-CARD provide updated and more fulsome responses to the following comments from the public review:

- CIRNAC-Inspector comments 2 and 4
- Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR) comments 1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 22, 26, 27

Please submit this information for the Board’s consideration by 5:00 pm MST on Monday, January 10, 2022. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Information Request, please feel free to contact Ryan Fequet at 867-765-4589.

Sincerely,



Ryan Fequet
Executive Director, Wek’èezhìi Land and Water Board

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