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File: W2021L8-0003 & W2021X0008

Beth Cowan  
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Sent by email

Dear Beth Cowan,

**Re: Spill Contingency Plan, Version 9.1 – Approved – Colomac Remediation Project – Miscellaneous – Former Colomac Mine Site, NT**

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (Board) met on May 25, 2022 and considered the Spill Contingency Plan (SCP, the Plan), Version 9.1,<sup>1</sup> submitted by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD) on March 16, 2022 as required by Water Licence (Licence) W2021L8-0003, Land Use Permit (Permit) W2021X0008, and the Board's direction in its January 24, 2022 Reasons for Decision.<sup>2</sup> As stated in the Board's Decision, Project activities are not to commence until a revised Plan is approved.<sup>3,4</sup>

Version 9.1 of the SCP underwent the Board's standard public review process per the Reasons for Decision. The following parties participated in the public review and all indicated that they had no comments:

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<sup>1</sup> See WLWB Online Registry [www.wlwb.ca/](http://www.wlwb.ca/) for [Colomac - Spill Contingency Plan - Version 9.1 - Mar 16 22](#).

<sup>2</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [Colomac - Licence and Permit - Reasons for Decision - Jan 24 22](#).

<sup>3</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [Colomac - Issuance Letter and Water Licence - Jan 24 22](#).

<sup>4</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [Colomac - Issuance Letter and Land Use Permit - Jan 24 22](#).

- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC-Yellowknife);
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC);
- the Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR); and
- the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB).<sup>5</sup>

Because no comments or recommendations on the submission were received, the Board has determined that SCP, Version 9.1 meets the requirements of the Board's direction in its January 24, 2022 Reasons for Decision. The Board hereby approves SCP, Version 9.1, and CIRNAC-CARD may now commence Project activities.

The Board notes that when the SCP is next revised and submitted, it must include the changes detailed in CIRNAC-CARD's responses to WLWB Board staff questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 from the public review. The Board would also like to remind CIRNAC-CARD that per Condition 23 (WASTE PETROLEUM DISPOSAL) of the Permit, burning of waste petroleum is not authorized under Permit.

Please direct questions or concerns regarding this letter to Ryan Fequet in writing.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Nitsiza  
Acting Chair, Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

BCC'd to:      Wek'èezhìi Distribution List  
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                    Tim Morton – Inspector, CIRNAC

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<sup>5</sup> See WLWB Online Review system (<https://new.onlinereviewsystem.ca/>) for [Colomac – Spill Contingency Plan V 9.1](#).