

**From:** [Roberta Judas](#)  
**To:** [Dave Kelsch](#); [Anneli Jokela](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Arctic Star renewed LUP application  
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Dzë nezj (Good day) David Kelsch,

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB) received Arctic Star Exploration Corp. (Arctic Star)'s Land Use Permit Application on October 21, 2024. Board staff have finished conducting a completeness check of the Land Use Permit Renewal Application for the Diagras Project and have identified some missing information and some contradicting information during its review that requires some updates:

- The Project information indicates that a winter road was used in the past to access the site. Is the plan to continue to use a winter road for access? If so, can Arctic Star clarify if the proposal is to use an existing road or if the Scope of the Permit is to be updated to include construction, operation and/or maintenance of a winter road. If no winter road is to be included in the project, please clarify this in Section 10 of the Application.
- Section 8 of the Application Form asks to include all proposed water use and Board staff note that water use is not mentioned in any of the documents submitted in the Application Package. The project includes a camp and drilling, which may have some associated water use.
  - Please update the Application Package to include the total volume of water that will be used in relation to the project camp, drilling, and reverse circulating drilling to Section 8 of the Application.
  - If the Project scope is to include a winter road (i.e., construction, operation, and/or maintenance), please include the total water volume that will be used for this activity.
- Section 9 asks the Applicant to describe the proposed camp size and layout and the Application indicates the information is noted in the Project Description document submitted with the Application Package. The document includes Figure 3 that shows the camp layout but some helpful details are missing (e.g., the proposed camp size and distance from any watercourse).
  - Please include information to Section 9 of the Application regarding the size of the camp area and location and distance from the camp site to any watercourse.
- When Plans are submitted that were not requested by the Board, the next numbering system would apply, as per Section 3.2 of the LWBs' [Document Submission Standards](#) (e.g., if the last approved plan within the Board's Online Registry is Version 1.0 or Version 1.1 and Arctic Star submits a Plan that was not requested by the Board, then Arctic Star should submit Version 2.0 of its Plan).
  - Please update the versions of the Plans submitted with the Application Package by updating to the next versions where applicable. (e.g., Arctic Star has the following approved Plans: Version 1.1 of the Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) and

Waste Management Plan (WMP) and Version 2.0 of the Engagement Plan; thus the next versions for the SCP and WMP should be Version 2.0 and the next version of the Engagement Plan should be Version 3.0).

- The Waste Disposal Approval Letter from the Yellowknife Solid Waste Facility submitted as part of the Application Package is an outdated document that was approved by the facility in 2017.
  - Can Arctic Star obtain another letter from the Yellowknife Solid Waste Facility that shows a date for this year? Or an email from the Yellowknife Solid Waste Facility confirming the letter from 2017 is sufficient and is still in good standing? Confirmation from the facility is not required right now for application completeness; however, please note that this will be one of the requirements that will be requested during the review process. The Board will need to approve the revised WMP and confirmation from a facility will be required before the Board can approve the Plan (see the section on 'Off-site Disposal' on PDF Page 25 of the [LWB Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#)). With that in mind, providing an update now would be helpful.

The Board has up to 10 days to deem an Application Complete, as the Application was received on October 21, 2024 the updates should be submitted on or before October 30, 2024. Should you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact Board staff and cc the Regulatory Manager Anneli Jokela.

Nexè dzę newez] (Have a nice day),

Masi Cho (Thank you)!

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**From:** Dave Kelsch <dkelsch@telusplanet.net>

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**Subject:** Arctic Star renewed LUP application

Hi Anneli, Roberta,

Please find attached an application and various supporting requirements for the renewed LUP on Arctic Star's Diagas exploration project.  
GIS data to follow in a separate email.

If there are any deficiencies please let me know.

Cheque is in the mail (tomorrow).

Regards, Dave

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