



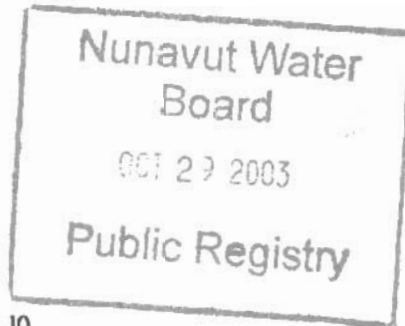
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Via Facsimile

**RE: Polaris Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan – Request for Modification of Haulage Location**

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

TeckCominco Ltd. is proposing to modify their decommissioning and reclamation plan for the Polaris Mine to allow 4,200 cubic metres of material from the frozen core of the dam to be disposed of in the excavated hole left from the removal of the mill/office/warehouse barge complex, rather than in the Little Red Dog Quarry. The opening left from the barge removal can hold in excess of 75,000 cubic metres.

Based on the information provided with the application at this time, EC has no real concerns with the modification of the haulage location. While the area left by the removal of the barge complex is well in excess of the amount of core material to be deposited, EC requests that TeckCominco document the total amount of material being deposited in the new location in order to ensure accurate records. Environment Canada also recommends that the proponent ensure that the modification of the haulage location does not result in a change to the final contours of Little Red Dog Quarry upon closure.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at [colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca](mailto:colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca).

Yours truly,

  
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