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RE: 120627 1BR-DPI---- Spill Contingency Plan Review Requested

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the above-mentioned Spill Contingency Plan submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has submitted a site-specific Spill Contingency Plan for the FOX-E Durban Island and Padloping Island DEW Line site remediation project as a requirement of water license 1BR-DPI.

Upon review of the Plan, EC provides the following comments for the NWB's consideration:

- EC recommends that a 24 Hour NWT/NU Spill Response Form be attached to the Plan.
- Spills are to be documented and reported to the NWT/NU 24 hour Spill Line at (867)920-8130. EC recommends that all releases of harmful substances, regardless of quantity, are immediately reported where the release:
 - is near or into a water body;
 - is near or into a designated sensitive environment or sensitive wildlife habitat;
 - poses an imminent threat to human health or safety; or,
 - poses an imminent threat to a listed species at risk or its critical habitat.

If there are any changes in the project EC should be notified as further review may be necessary. Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding water license 1BR-DPI would still apply to this project. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca

Yours truly,



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