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RE: Water Licence 1BR-FOX1118: Amendment Application to Remove Maximum Allowable Concentration of Iron from the wastewater discharge limits under Part D, Item 14

Dear Ms. Van Dyck:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledges the submission by Defence Construction Canada on behalf of the Licensee, the Department of National Defence, received by the NWB on July 16, 2012 requesting an amendment to Water Licence 1BR-FOX1118 (the Licence) to remove iron from the wastewater quality discharge under Part D, Item 14 of the Licence.

Documents pertaining to the request are available from the NWB ftp site (username: "public" and password: "registry"):

In consideration of the amendment request, the NWB reviewed the proponent's current and previous submissions for the file, the comments provided by intervening parties for the original and existing Licence as well as other licences issued by the Board for similar types of projects. The Board has determined, based on its review, that the inclusion of iron as a wastewater quality discharge parameter for this Licence may have been unwarranted given the scope of activities being untaken and the fact that iron had not been identified as a contaminant of concern for this project. Consequently, the Board is contemplating addressing the Licensee's request as an errata to the Licence instead of an amendment.

By way of this letter, the Board is providing all interested persons a period of **fifteen** (15) **days** with which to review the request and to advise the Board of any issues or concerns that they might have regarding the Board's proposed approach to treat the proponent's amendment request as an errata, allowing for the removal iron from the list of water quality discharge parameters in the Licence, under Part D, Item 14.

If no comments or comments in support of the Board articulated approach are received on or before October 1, 2012, the Board will accordingly issue the errata to the Licence. However if substantive concerns are expressed before the deadline for comments, the Board may choose to invite further intervener comments and/or request additional information from the proponent. It should be noted that the Board also reserves the right to revisit its proposed approach to the proponent's request during the review stage(s) of the process.

If you require further information regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned, David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services, at telephone: (780) 443-4406, fax: (780) 443-4080 or by e-mail at: <a href="mailto:dts@nunavutwaterboard.org">dts@nunavutwaterboard.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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