



NIRB File No.: 03DN003

NWB File No.: 1BR-GLA0815

AANDC File No.: N2003X0002

GN-CGS File No.: QB-05-001

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Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Defence Construction Canada's "Gladman Point CAM-2" project, Kitikmeot Region

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

On March 26, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for a renewal to the Type B water licence (No. 1BR-GLA0815) for Defence Construction Canada's (DCC) "Gladman Point CAM-2" project. The Board notes that a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission was not required for this file, as the proposed project is located within a region that does not currently have an approved land use plan in place (Kitikmeot Region).

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 03DN003) was received by the NIRB from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC; now Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada or AANDC) on January 30, 2003 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On March 3, 2003 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On December 11, 2003 the NIRB received an application from INAC for a renewal to the Quarry Permit for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the renewal request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on December 23, 2003.

On January 13, 2005 the NIRB received an application for new quarry permits for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the renewal request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on April 11, 2005.

On February 3, 2005 the NIRB received an application from INAC for a renewal to the Land Use Permit (INAC File No.: N2003X0002) for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the renewal request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on February 11, 2005.

The current Nunavut Water Board application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (File No. 03DN003) and related file information are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2003/03DN003-CAM-2%20-%20Gladman%20Point/>.

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 03DN003), the "Gladman Point CAM-2" project was located within the Kitikmeot region, on the south coast of King William Island approximately 75 kilometres (km) west of Gjoa Haven. The Proponent indicated that it intended to complete remediation construction at the DEW Line site between 2003 and 2005, then implement post-construction landfill monitoring program.

The activities and components associated with the previously screened proposal included:

- Mobilize to site in July 2003;
 - Transportation of project equipment via barge or sealift;
 - Setup temporary camp annually from July to October;
 - Demobilization of facilities and equipment anticipated for October 2006;
- Clean-up activities;
 - Excavation of hydrocarbon impacted soils up to and including the intertidal zone at the refuel area on the shore of McClintock Bay;
 - Excavation of an existing landfill;
 - Removal of scattered surface and partially buried debris from the shore and intertidal zone of Simpson Strait;
 - Excavation, treatment and/or disposal of soil impacted with organic (petroleum hydrocarbon) and inorganic (metals, PCB) contaminants;
 - Construction and closure of a Tier II Landfill Facility for disposal of soil containing elevated inorganic contaminants;
 - Construction and closure of a Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill for disposal of non-hazardous demolition debris and soil containing low-level inorganic contaminants;

- Construction, operation and closure of a Hydrocarbon Treatment Area (Landfarm) for soils impacted with hydrocarbons (primarily diesel-type hydrocarbons);
- Containerization and off-site disposal of hazardous waste materials;
- Demolition of structures, including removal of asbestos material, creosote-treated poles, related utilities, communication equipment and other ancillary facilities;
- Collection and disposal of site debris; and
- Closure and regrading of three existing landfills and ten buried debris areas;
- Long term monitoring of the landfills would begin upon completion of clean-up (2007) and would continue for a 25 year period.

The activities associated with the December 11, 2003 application included a new quarry permit associated with AANDC Land Use Permit (No. N2003X0002) to conduct the earthworks activities outlined in the original application.

The activities associated with the January 13, 2005 application included a new quarry permit to continue previously approved remediation activities.

The activities associated with the February 3, 2005 application included renewal of the AANDC Land Use Permit (No. N2003X0002) to continue previous remediation activities.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Defence Construction Canada is currently proposing to renew its Type B water licence with the Nunavut Water Board to continue long term post-closure monitoring of the landfills associated with this project.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or

(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project. ”

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed renewal does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from the requirement for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original March 3, 2003 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Kristina Benoit, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4607 or kbenoit@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Tamara Van Dyck, Defence Construction Canada
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Geoffrey Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 03DN003 (March 3, 2003)