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RE: NWB5SAR - Response to Provisions in Water Use License

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.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has submitted a revised Emergency Response and Spill Contingency Plan for the Sarcpa Lake (CAM-F) Dew Line Site, as required by their water license NWB5SAR0406. The plan focuses on the response to spills and fires within the Temporary PCB Storage area. However, the revised plan fails to provide information regarding the response to releases of petroleum hydrocarbons stored on site. Environment Canada notes that the original water license application indicated that some petroleum hydrocarbon products would be stored on site. Therefore, the Spill Contingency Plan should provide a clear path of response in the event of the accidental release of these products, in addition to PCB's. The plan should include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- A site map detailing the location of the PCB storage area and the fuel contaminant area, the location of all spill kits on site, and any water bodies in the immediate vicinity.
- o A list of personnel to be contacted in the event of a spill, including the name and contact information for such people.
- A clear path of response in the event of a spill on land, snow, open water and/or ice for all contaminants of concern (i.e. hydrocarbons, PCBs, etc...)
- Notification that <u>all spills</u> are to be documented and reported in a timely manner to the NWT Spill Line at (867) 930-8130.

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.

Yours truly,

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