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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada comments on 1BR-THI2027 QAQC Plan

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for your November 4, 2020 email invitation for review and comment on the above-referenced QAQC plan.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) reviewed the QAQC plan pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*. Please find below the following comments and a recommendation to the Nunavut Water Board for consideration.

CIRNAC noted the following issues:

- (1) field equipment would be checked and/or calibrated every year, instead of prior to their application;
- (2) no field and travel blanks were used; and
- (3) no in-situ measurement (e.g., pH, T, Conductivity, DOC, etc.) was included in the QAQC plan.

CIRNAC recommends that the QAQC plan be revised by the licensee to include the above-noted best practices.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to participate in this review. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-4555 or <a href="mailto:david.zhong@canada.ca">david.zhong@canada.ca</a>, or Mr. Godwin Okonkwo, Manager of Water Resources, at (867) 975-4550 or <a href="mailto:godwin.okonkwo@canada.ca">godwin.okonkwo@canada.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

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