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## **RE**: NWB2KIK - DeBeers Canada Exploration Inc. - Kikerk / Knife Lake Project, Revised Spill Contingency Plan

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.

DeBeers Canada Exploration Inc. has submitted a revised spill contingency plan as required under their current NWB water license.

Environment Canada recommends that the following conditions be applied throughout all stages of the project:

- The correct contact number for Environment Canada is Iqaluit, NU is (867) 975-4644.
- A detailed map of the camp, including the location of fuel caches and waterbodies, should be included with the spill contingency plan.
- Fuel caches shall be located above the high water mark of any waterbody and in such a manner as to prevent the contents from entering any water body frequented by fish. Further, Environment Canada recommends the use of secondary containment, such as self-supporting insta-berms, when storing barreled fuel on location.

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,

## Original signed by

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