

## Newmont Mining Corporation

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Phyllis Beaulieu  
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Dear Ms. Beaulieu;

In response to the comments and questions raised by Environment Canada after review of our Kiyuk Lake water license application, I am supplying additional information and clarification:

- Chemical, fuels or wastes associated with the project will not be permitted to enter waters frequented by fish.
- Any fuel or hazardous material or fuel spill will be reported immediately to the NWT/NU 24-hour spill line, as provided by the Spill Contingency Plan.
- On the Spill Response Plan, the Environment Contact Number has been changed from **(867) 975-4639** to **(867) 766-3737**.
- The disposal site for contaminated soil and absorbent materials will be the Hope Bay soil farm, located at Windy Lake Camp. Contaminated materials will be stored and transported in sealed, 55 gallon drums; these drums will form part of the spill kits. The Hope Bay Environmental Coordinator will be available to provide technical assistance and advice on clean-up procedures.
- All sumps, spill basins and fuel caches will be located so that their contents do not enter any body of water. Sumps and basins will be backfilled and recontoured to match the surrounding landscape, as provided by the Abandonment and Restoration Plan.
- All fuel caches will be inspected at each re-fueling, which means generally on a daily basis.
- Drilling wastes from land-based drilling will not be allowed to enter any body of water.
- If holes are drilled from lake ice, Interim Guidelines for on-ice drilling will be adhered to. Drilling additives will be re-circulated through a Poly-drill Filter System, and disposed of in a sump at least 31 meters (105 ft) from high-water line.
- The majority of this work will be accomplished before May 15, the commencement of the migratory bird nesting season. However, prior to construction of drill sites, the locations will be inspected for the presence of

migratory bird nesting sites. If active nests are encountered, drill sites will be relocated to avoid disturbing them.

- Flight operations will maintain an elevation of 610 meters when consistent with safety and operational requirements. In our responses to the Nunavut Planning Commission Conformity Questionnaire, we have committed to maintaining a flight height of 300 meters except during drill transport and relocation operations, which require lower flight. Consistent with safety to pilot, passengers, and ground operations, we will attempt to maintain a minimum horizontal distance of 1,500 meters, and a minimum vertical distance of 1,000 meters from large flocks of birds. In our responses to the NPC Questionnaire, we have undertaken to inform the Nunavut Wildlife Biologist in Arviat if large herds of Caribou congregate in the drill area.
- No camp waste will be generated in Nunavut.
- Drilling wastes will not be allowed to enter any body of water.
- Prior to construction of drill sites, the locations will be inspected for the presence of Species at Risk identified by Environment Canada. If any of the species are observed in the vicinity, the drill site will be re-located. Instructions will be issued to all crew to avoid interaction with all wild species encountered in the field. The presence of these species will be reported to the Government of Nunavut Wildlife Biologist in Arviat.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the following addresses or phone numbers if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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