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Re: Water Licence Application of Astarte River Area

Dear Ms. Becker.

DIAND's Water Resources Division has received the application for the Water Licence NWB2AST from Cominco.

Due to the scale and nature of the project, there is no water licence requirements under the NWT Waters Act. Issues such as waste management will be addressed through the land use permit issued to the proponent.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4548.

Yours truly,

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