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Via facsimile

Re: Amendment to Water Licence NWB2SNN0305

The review of the application for amendment to water licence NWB2SNN0305 by APEX Geoscience Ltd., revealed a lack of information regarding the proposed drilling activity within 30 m of the high water mark. Pursuant to the comments submitted by Colette Meloche, Environment Canada, the following additional information is requested:

- The distance of the proposed drill hole to the high water mark.
- The planned method and frequency of drill waste transport to the disposal sump >30 m above the high water line.
- Plans for the containment of anticipated or accidental waste release.
- Description of the proposed drill site, including surface characteristics and topographic data.

In the absence of the information requested above we are unable to complete an adequate assessment of the application. We therefore currently express reservations regarding the endorsement of this amendment.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely.

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