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Re: 2BE-SNN0305 (previously NWB2SNN0305) - Stornoway Diamond Corporation - Aviat Project - 2005 Annual Report Review

On behalf of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND), I have reviewed the 2005 Annual Report, submitted by Strongbow Exploration Inc. with respect to the Aviat Project. The Annual report has been assessed with reference to License NWB2SNN0305 (*License*).

With respect to water quality, the Analytical Report for NWL Number 382278-4, Sample AN260 A, states that Total Suspended Solids (TSS) was 11 mg/L. This value however, is above the *Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Canadian Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life*, of 10mg/L for TSS.

Additionally, the 2005 Annual Report also mentions the burning of combustible refuse. It is unclear if this type of refuse was handled according to Part D, Item 3 of the *License*. This section of the *License* states that all combustible waste will be incinerated. Although this may be a composition error, it nonetheless merits investigation into waste disposal methods.

Also, the proponent should update their Spill Contingency Plan to include Mr. Peter Kusugak, (867) 975-4295 as their INAC contact.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4548 or by email at BathoryS@ainc-ianc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Stephen Bathory
Regional Coordinator

cc- P. Kusugak