



Proceeding with the NWB technical review of the modifications to the Back River Project

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Hello Richard, KIA is able to proceed with a technical review of most aspects of the application. However, we are not able to complete a full technical review to determine whether Sabina will be able to constrain project effects to those predicted within the FEIS using the current iteration of the water and load balance model. KIA suggests that Sabina needs to provide the updated model for technical review at this time.

KIA also references CIRNAC's Comment #11 which highlights that "*Sabina is required to provide an updated Hydrodynamic model.*" and that Sabina stated that they had intended "*to submit this updated Hydrodynamic model as part of the NWB process associated with the 2020 modification package, or as part of the 2020 NWB Annual Report*". Given they have submitted the modification package ahead of the annual report, we suggest that it should have been included in the review package.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you

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