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Subject: Re: 2AM-DOH0712 Discharge notification

Date: Friday, October 07, 2011 7:06:37 AM

Angela,

I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request for discharge received on October 5th, 2011.

I see Newmont Mining has two requests contained within your correspondence.

First , pursuant to the license (Part G: Items 1 and 21 (a, b, c)) Newmont has treated (by Reverse Osmosis (RO)) water contained within the sedimentation pond, has sampled the water and has received results (minus 1 for cyanide) that reflect that the water within the pond does not exceed license criteria and thus is acceptable to discharge to the environment. Newmont Mining is therefore requesting that this discharge begin as soon as possible due to the on-set of freezing temperatures.

Given the time of year and the risk that the water will freeze prior to (or during) discharge I see no reason why the discharge can not proceed as necessary to prevent this.

The second request is to use the treated water as a dust suppressant. Given the time of year I am not clear as to why this would be necessary at this time. If this request is meant for future use I do not think that a blanket approval at this time is required.

If in the future Newmont Mining has plans to use treated water from the sedimentation pond for use as a dust suppressant, Newmont should submit this request as a modification to their existing water management strategy via an addendum to the 2011 annual report and seek any required approvals from the Nunavut Water Board at that time.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our offices at your first convenience.

Once again, I do apologize for the delay in responding to your request.

Sincerely,

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>>> "Angela Holzapfel" <Angela.Holzapfel@Newmont.com> 10/5/2011 10:14 AM >>>

Hello Andrew and Jeff.

Please see the attached discharge notification for the treated pollution pond water. This water meets the discharge criteria for ST-1. The lab results pulled from the ALS webtrieve system are attached. We will provide you with the official COA once we receive it from ALS.

We would like to discharge the water as soon as possible. I will call you to follow-up first thing this morning.

Thanks

Angela



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