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Re: Hope Bay Mining Ltd. - Doris North Sewage Management Plan Report - 2008

On August 12th, 2008 the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) sent a letter requesting comments on the Doris North Sewage Management Plan that was recently submitted to the NWB as a requirement of the Water Licence. EC has reviewed the above mentioned report and is pleased with the overall Plan. Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) has stated that once the permanent camp and mine are operational, the sewage effluent will be deposited into the tailings impoundment area (TIA). HBML has also stated that sewage sludge will be incinerated in an appropriate incinerator in order to meet the Canada Wide Standards for Dioxins and Furans. In general EC does not recommend incineration of any type of biosolids, however is agreeable to HBML's current incineration commitments. Given that HBML will be utilizing the TIA for sewage effluent, EC requests that the proponent advise on feasibility of depositing the sewage sludge into the TIA (or another appropriate containment area) once the mine is operational.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing please contact myself, Savanna Levenson at (867) 669-4772 or by email at savanna.levenson@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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